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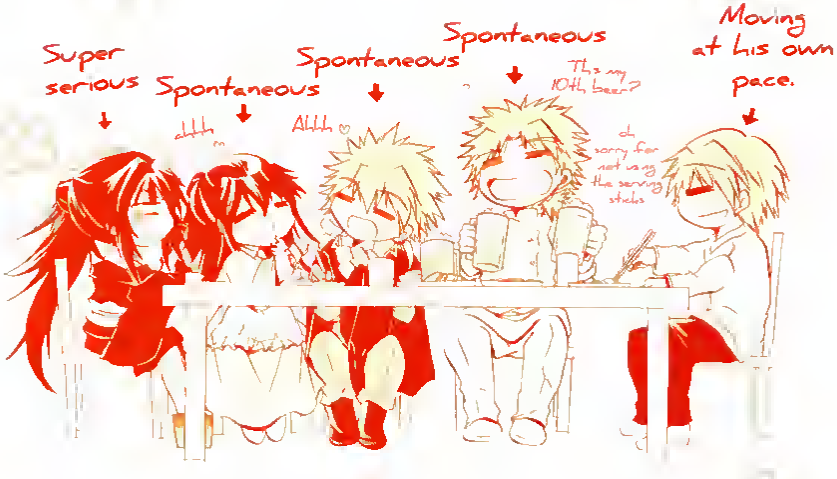

It would probably be a living experience bound to give you jeers, Kokyousama.
A family full of roundabout characters...
It makes my stomach crawl just imagining it...

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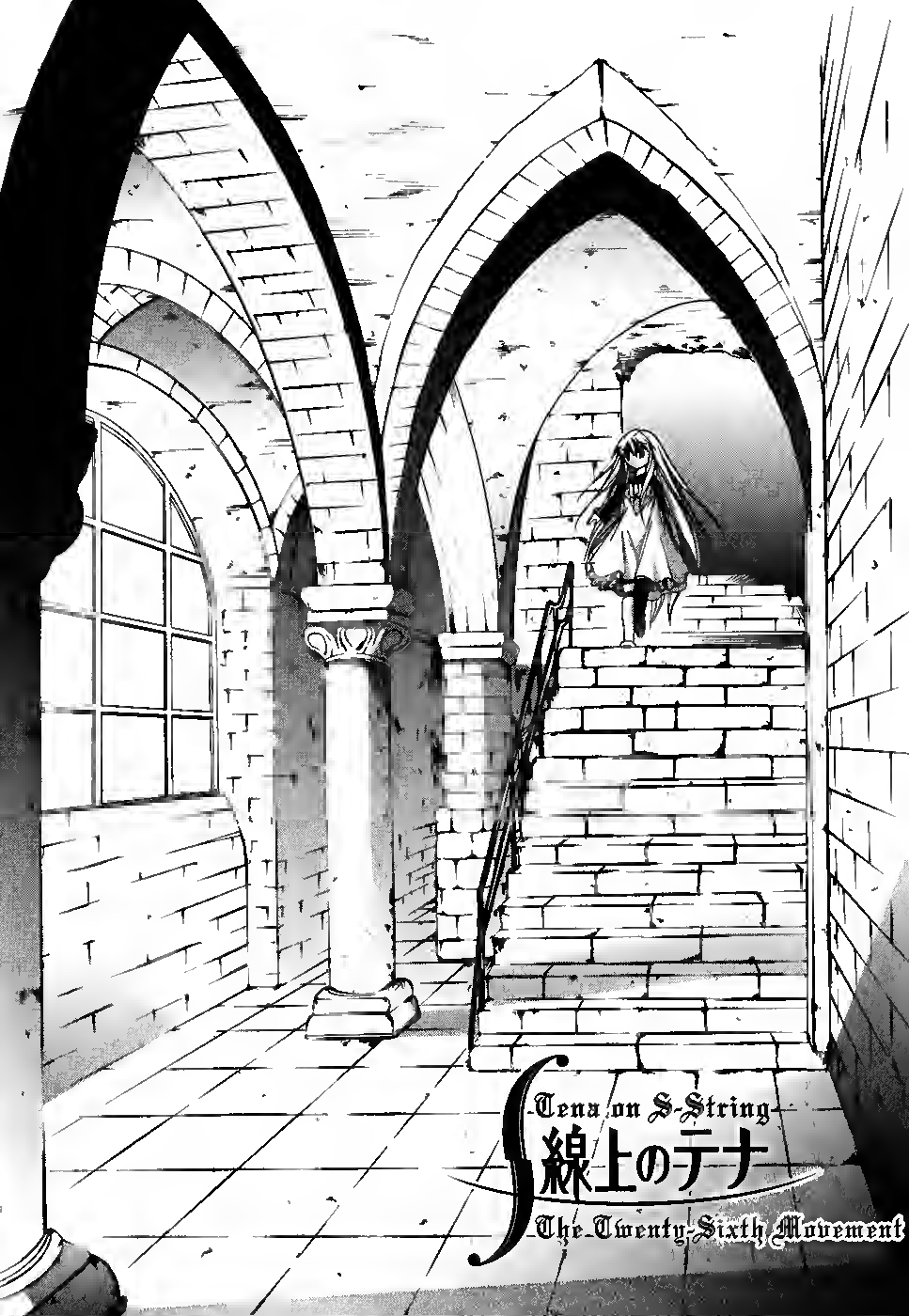
BRUSH
SLIP
PAT
PAT
I'M UP.
HMMM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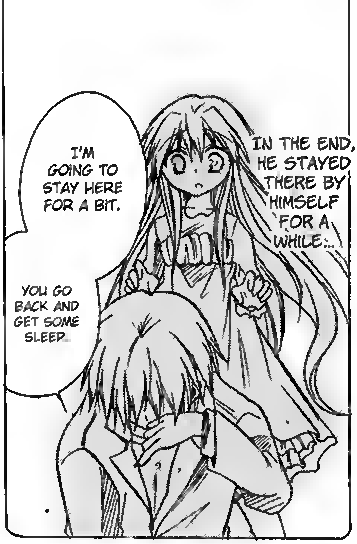
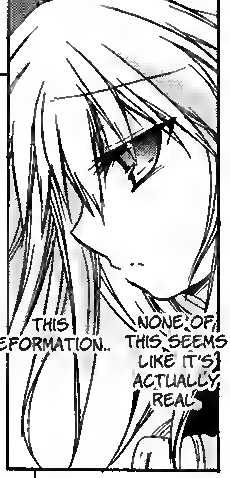
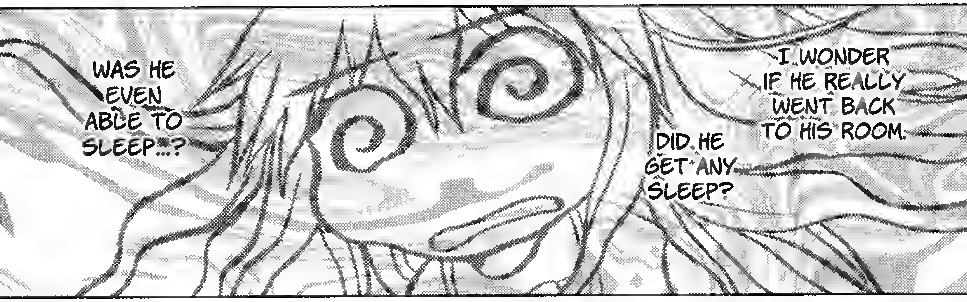
The Twenty-Sixth Movement

MORNING. EVERYONE'S GATHERING IN THE MEETING ROOM.
A.. ALL RIGHT.
ARREST THEM!!
REBELLING YOU SAY? CUT THE CRAP!!
TAKE THEM TO THE DUNGEON
AH.. LOOKS LIKE THERE'S STILL SOME SMALL SKIRMISHES.
THE TOWN OF TUNERS HERE HAS A LONG AND DEEP HISTORY AFTER ALL.
YOU CAN'T JUST THINK THAT TAKING THE HQ WOULD BE ENOUGH TO END THINGS.
WE HAVE TO USE THE HQ AS A FOOTHOLD AND CHANGE THINGS LITTLE BY LITTLE.
IT WILL STILL TAKE FEW MONTHS TO SETTLE DOWN.


I'M GOING TO STAY HERE FOR A BIT.
YOU GO BACK AND GET SOME SLEEP.
IN THE END, HE STAYED THERE BY HIMSELF FOR A WHILE...

EVERYTHING ABOUT KYOSUKE


THIS REFORMATION..
NONE OF THIS SEEMS LIKE IT'S ACTUALLY REAL


WAS HE EVEN ABLE TO SLEEP...?
I WONDER IF HE REALLY WENT BACK TO HIS ROOM.
DID HE GET ANY SLEEP?

GRRR! THAT'S THE ELITE'S VOICE!!
GOOD MORNING, TENA-SAN.

GAAAAAAH!
HUH?! ABOUT WHAT?!!
AAAAAH!!! Why the heck do I have to be so worried about that stuff for?!!!

THAT EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE TOTALLY DOES NOT GO WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID!!!
Daa
aze
What a beautiful, clear blue sky we have this morning, isn't it?
jump
Y..
YEEEAH..
MY EYES FEEL A LITTLE PUFFY.
SORRY FOR LOOKING SO UNSIGHTLY.
I WONDER
I
WONDER HOW HE'S FEELING RIGHT NOW...
WHERE'S KYOSUKE ?
I IMAGINE HE'S GONE ON AHEAD.
STEP
STEP
STEP

I SHOULD SAY TO HIM..!
JUST WHAT EXACTLY
BECAUSE OF ME, A LOT OF PEOPLE'S LIVES HAVE CHANGED
AND EVEN NOW, THERE'S A CHANCE I WILL STILL BE INFLUENCING THEIR LIVES.
THEN LET'S CHAT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS FROM HERE
GOOD LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S HERE.
TO BE HONEST, THE PRESSURE AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY
WOULD BE SOMETHING REALLY HARD FOR ME TO BEAR, I THINK
HMM
YEAH, A BIT.
DID YOU THINK THINGS OVER LAST NIGHT, KYOSUKE-KUN?

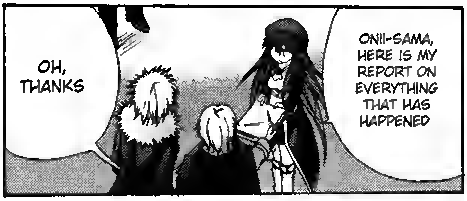
JUMP
GAAAH!!!
JUMP
SO THERE'S no use for me to wrack my brains thinking about it aaaaaaaa aaaaaaaaa aaaaaaall!!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT TURNABOUT ATTITUDE?!!
Suddenly serious again
IT'S NO USE FOR ME TRYING TO THINK OF ANYTHING!!
IS WHAT I THOUGHT I'D SAY
throttle
throttle
throttle
throttle
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO LAX ABOUT EVERYTHING, YOU IDIOT!
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S JUST THE WAY I AM!
KYOSUKE-SAN THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE FOOLING AROUND!!

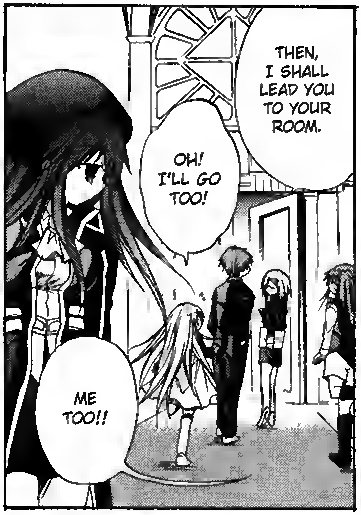
I'M SURE THINGS WOULDN'T GO VERY WELL.
IF I DO SOMETHING ODD LIKE THINK ABOUT IT REALLY SERIOUSLY,
HONESTLY, THERE'S A LOT THAT BOTHERS ME.
AND THERE ARE STILL SOME THINGS THAT HURT.
BUT EVEN IF I'M DEPRESSED,
I CAN'T CHANGE WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.
AND I CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING BY MYSELF
AND SO...

I'D JUST LIKE TO TALK WITH EVERYONE
AND FIND A GOOD WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU ALL WORRY YESTERDAY.
KYOSUKE ...
I'M GLAD TO HEAR SUCH A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM YOU
I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT YOUR PARENTS WOULD HAVE WANTED
NOW, IF WE WERE TO GIVE YOU
AN HONEST OPINION ON HOW THIS SHOULD BE HANDLED ..
GULP

HEEEE
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEEY
!!!!
THEN WE HAVEN'T GOT THE FOGGIEST IDEA EITHER.
SHRUG
SHRUG
I'VE TAKEN A LOOK AT THE DATA ON YOUR SCORE,
IT SEEMS THAT THE MALIGNANT NOTE IN YOUR SCORE IS DAMPENING YOUR POWER, SO THERE ISN'T MUCH OF A PROBLEM.
BUT, I AM A LITTLE WORRIED THAT THE SEAL YOUR MOTHER PUT ON YOU MIGHT COME UNDONE.
SO AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, THE DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN RETURN
TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD CANNOT BE MADE ANYTIME SOON.

WE WILL PREPARE A ROOM IN THE HQ FOR YOU TO LIVE IN WHILE YOU'RE HERE
THAT BEING SAID, WE THINK IT WOULD BE WISE FOR YOU TO STAY HERE FOR A WHILE SO WE CAN KEEP AN EYE ON HOW THINGS TURN OUT.
YEAH. YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.
THAT SHOULD MAKE IT EASY TO SETTLE YOUR THOUGHTS IN THE MEANTIME.


OH, THANKS
ONII-SAMA, HERE IS MY REPORT ON EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED

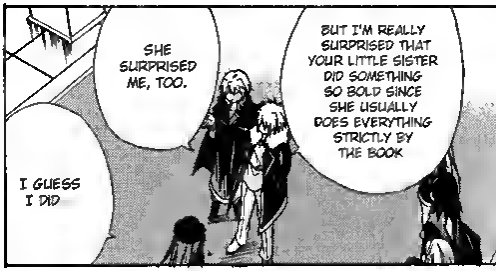

THEN, I SHALL LEAD YOU TO YOUR ROOM.
OH! I'LL GO TOO!
ME TOO!!

MY PUNISHMENT FOR BREAKING THE LAW...
HUH?
AND WHAT SHALL BE MY PUNISHMENT?

AHAHAHA! IN THAT CASE, NOTHING!
HUH...? BUT I...
WELL, CERTAINLY IF THIS WERE THE REGULAR SYSTEM, YOU'D BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.
BUT SINCE YOU ENDED UP HELPING US WITH KYOSUKE-KUN, WHAT YOU DID WAS ACTUALLY A GOOD THING.

YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T YOU?
YEAH ...
BESIDES, THE LAW YOU BROKE DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE.
AS LONG AS YOU FEEL THAT EVERYTHING YOU DID WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM FOR SOME REASON ...
WHEN I MET KYOSUKE IN JAPAN, I HAD A FEELING THAT I


SHE SURPRISED ME, TOO.
BUT I'M REALLY SURPRISED THAT YOUR LITTLE SISTER DID SOMETHING SO BOLD SINCE SHE USUALLY DOES EVERYTHING STRICTLY BY THE BOOK
I GUESS I DID.

I JUST WANTED TO HELP KYOSUKE IN ANY WAY THAT I COULD.
THAT'S ALL...
EEEK!
THE BUD OF ROMANCE IS BLOOMING IN A MAIDEN'S PURE HEART.
HUH? ROMANCE ??
YES! YES!!
YOU LOVE HIM AFTER ALL, DON'T YOU??
LOVE?

Whaaaat?!? You're asking us?!!!
YOU THINK SO???

WITH KYOSUKE?
HERE, THINK OF THIS! HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU'RE WITH KYOSUKE?
YOUR HEART GOES AFLUTTER WITH HAPPINESS, DOESN'T IT?

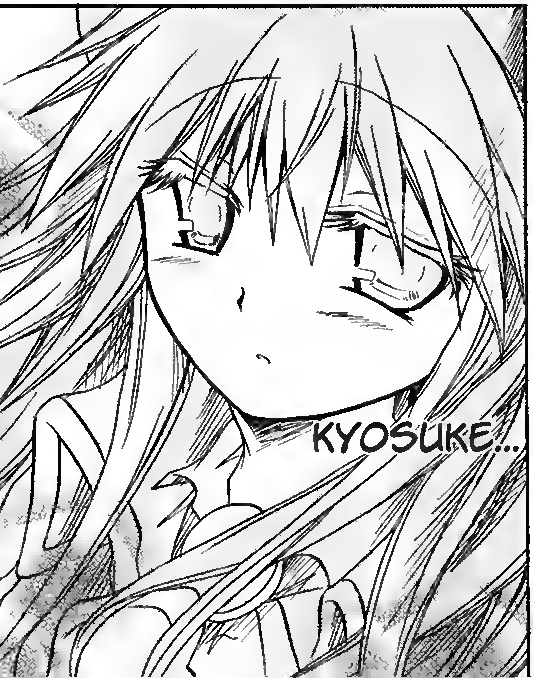
FORGIVE ME, BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
D..DON'T TELL US YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE BEFORE, ARLIN.

WALKING WITH KYOSUKE
and The Champs Elysees!

EATING WITH KYOSUKE
this escargot is delicious!

SHOPPING WITH KYOSUKE
ahh spring

ABSOLUTE BLISS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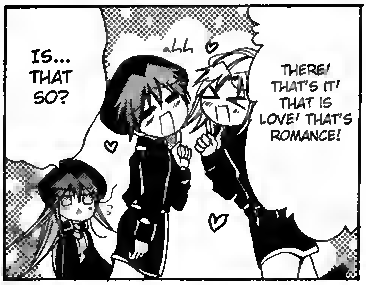
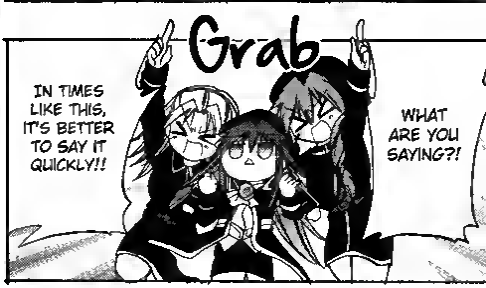

IS... THAT SO?
ahh
THERE! THAT'S IT! THAT IS LOVE! THAT'S ROMANCE!

IN LOVE WITH
I AM
I...

I'M SURE YOUR BROTHER WOULD APPROVE IF YOU TOOK KITARA-SENSEI'S SON AS YOUR BOYFRIEND!
Heh heh Of course I would. ♪

ARE YOU GOING TO CONFESS TO HIM?!
ARE YOU?! ARE YOU?!
HUH? BUT IT'S SO SUDDEN...


Grab
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
IN TIMES LIKE THIS, IT'S BETTER TO SAY IT QUICKLY!!

NO
IT'S STILL TOO SOON.
HUH?
STEP...

UH..
COME ON! COME ON! BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE GETS HIM!

KYOSUKE HAS GONE THROUGH A LOT LATELY
HE STILL HASN'T CALMED DOWN FROM IT ALL.
I WOULD BE REALLY HAPPY TO FORM A MORE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH KYOSUKE
BUT I DON'T THINK I AM THE TYPE THAT HE COULD LOVE RIGHT NOW.
AND I'M NOT REALLY THAT MATURE AS EITHER A PERSON OR A TUNER YET.

AND I HAVE MATURED A LITTLE MORE,
SO WHEN KYOSUKE HAS HAD THE CHANCE TO CALM DOWN A LITTLE BIT,
WHEN THAT TIME COMES ...
I WILL EXPRESS MY FEELINGS FOR HIM
ARUN ...

Pat
Paaat
Pat
SORRY FOR TRYING TO RUSH YOU.
THAT'S OK...
I SEE. YOU REALLY DO CARE FOR HIM A LOT, DON'T YOU?
AHHH WHAT A GOOD GIRL!
I'M GETTING A LITTLE JEALOUS OF KYOSUKE-KUN NOW.
BWAHAHA FIRST LOVES ARE ALWAYS NICE, AREN'T THEY?
PERFECTLY SUITED FOR A MODEST GIRL LIKE YOURSELF, ARUN.
OH RIGHT. I HAVE A TASK

MY ASSISTANT ??
HUH?
CHORD-SAMA APPOINTED ME AS SUCH.
YES.
I'M HONORED THAT YOU THINK SO
OH, I SEE. TO BE HONEST I REALLY DON'T KNOW MY RIGHT FROM MY LEFT HERE, SO THANKS FOR THE HELP!
Hey! Hey?
AND SO, AS YOUR ASSISTANT, I WILL BE HELPING YOU DEAL WITH ANY PROBLEMS YOU MAY FACE.
YOU ARE LIKELY GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE ADJUSTING TO LIFE HERE AND SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE.
What? What do you mean?

SURE! THANKS A TON!
store
clutch
I'M NOT VERY EXPERIENCED, BUT I WILL DO MY BEST TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP YOU.
OH, NO NOTHING!
RIGHT! I'LL GET STARTED ON HELPING OUT!!
blush
blush
HUH? IS SOMETHING WRONG??
Hmm? Hmmmm??
I DON'T WANT ANY OF THAT!
I HAVE MASSAGE MACHINES, STEREO SYSTEMS AND A JACUZZI FOOT BATH TOO
CLATTER CLATTER
LIKE I COULD RELAX ON THOSE !!!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THESE FIRST CLASS ORNAMENTED BED SHEETS?!
SWOOOOOOSH!!
Hey! My underwear is in there! Don't touch it!!!!
CAN I PUT THESE CLOTHES IN THE DRAWER HERE?

SWISH
SWISH
FORGIVE ME, I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY.
IF I NEED YOU TO DO ANYTHING, I'LL ASK SO, JUST CALM DOWN!
ARUN-SAN! SIT DOWN!!
OH! SURE, SURE.
KYOSUKE-KUN CAN I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU ABOUT YOUR LIVING EXPENSES?
seethe
shake
SHE... DOES IN A WAY
WOW! SHE LOOKS LIKE A HARD WORKING LITTLE HOUSEWIFE!
KYOSUKE LIKES COFFEE BETTER THAN TEA!!
HE WON'T DRINK ANYTHING AS FANCY AS THAT HERB TEA EITHER!!
I'M GOOD AT THAT
OH, I KNOW I'LL POUR SOME TEA.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF TEA KYOSUKE LIKES.

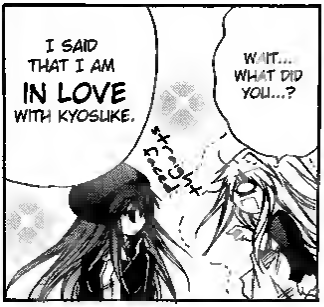
I SEE THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM.
Take Heart!
HMPH! IF YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT MUCH YOU'RE GOING TO BE A JOKE OF AN ASSISTANT.
I'VE BEEN WITH HIM MUCH LONGER SO I KNOW ALL ABOUT HIM!

IS THAT SO?
flad flad flad
IT IS! AND HE LIKES HIS COFFEE BLACK!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HE ACTUALLY LIKES JAPANESE TEAS MORE!!

boil
boil
boil
boil
boil
boil
IF I LEARN A LOT MORE ABOUT KYOSUKE,
AND BECOME MUCH MORE USEFUL TO HIM...

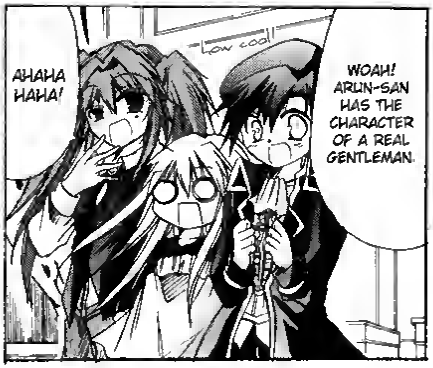
IT'S LIKE YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON HIM OR SOMETHING
YOU'VE BEEN SPOUTING "KYOSUKE THIS KYOSUKE THAT" ALL THIS TIME!!
shake
shake
shake
Wh-Wh Wh-What's with you?!
APPARENTLY THAT IS THE CASE.
YES.
HUH
? ?

WHA AAA AAA AT?!!
YOU SHOULD BE MORE EMBARASSED WHEN YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
SHOULD I? REALLY?


I SAID THAT I AM IN LOVE WITH KYOSUKE.
WAIT... WHAT DID YOU...?
straight cast

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO BE EMBARASSED ABOUT.
BUT THE FEELINGS I HAVE FOR KYOSUKE ARE TOTALLY HONEST

SH-SH-SH-SHE... LOVES HIM??
HUH? WHAT? THE ELITE? AND KYOSUKE?

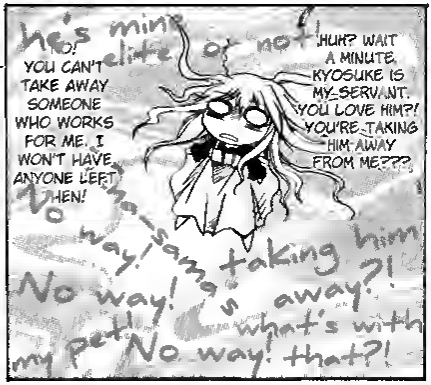

low cool
AHAHA HAHA!
WOAH! ARUN-SAN HAS THE CHARACTER OF A REAL GENTLEMAN.

MMM
MMGN!
HUH ?!
DO YOU KNOW IF KYOSUKE IS DATING ANYONE RIGHT NOW?
TENA-SAN! YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH KYOSUKE'S PRIVATE LIFE, RIGHT?!
twi
rl
HUH?! WELL... I GUESS...
WELL... I... I... DON'T THINK... HE... IS....
I SEE THANK GOODNESS
Phew...
Then I can feel a bit more at ease holding onto my feelings without another girl taking him away from me.
BUT I WOULD BE HAPPY IF THE CHANCE TO DO SO WOULD PRESENT ITSELF SOMEDAY
D... DON'T TELL ME YOU PLAN TO TELL KYOSUKE YOU LOVE HIM?!
shake
shake
NO... RIGHT NOW THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS ON KYOSUKE'S MIND.
I... SEE...
O... OHHHH...

doesn't know the impact of what she just said
Huh?! Wha?! What's with this mood all of a sudden?!
Wooah. The mood here is really getting dour...
doesn't know why she is getting mad
doesn't understand the situation at all
RUMBLE

ARE YOU REALLY ALL RIGHT FALLING FOR THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING LOW LIFE OF A GUY?!
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE QUITE A CELEBRITY, YOUR TASTE IN GUYS REALLY SUCKS, YOU KNOW?
H... HUH. THE ELITE LIKES KYOSUKE

IS MINE, AFTER ALL
OH, BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT HIS NOTE


he's mine elite or not!
NO! YOU CAN'T TAKE AWAY SOMEONE WHO WORKS FOR ME. I WON'T HAVE ANYONE LEFT THEN!
HUH? WAIT A MINUTE. KYOSUKE IS MY SERVANT. YOU LOVE HIM?! YOU'RE TAKING HIM AWAY FROM ME???
No way! Sa-sama taking him
No way! away?!
my pet! what's with
No way! that?!

HEY, TENA
I'LL JUST INVOKE MY RIGHTS TO HIM..
IF THE ELITE MAKES A PASS AT HIM,

M... ME?!
YES.
SHE SAYS SHE HAS SOMETHING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.
GLINT
WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRES OUR SINCEREST GRATITUDE IN FINDING, TAKING CARE OF, AND BRINGING KITARA-SAMA'S SON HERE.
THAT WAS ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO BE OUR DUTY.
FIRST, HERE IS A CHECK JUST TO SAY THANK YOU.
THERE ARE A FEW PLACES WHERE YOU BROKE SOME LAWS, BUT THOSE WILL BE EXCUSED.
AND WE WILL BE COMPENSATING YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE.
RUSTLE

R-REALLY?!
AND YOU WILL HEREBY BE RAISED
FROM YOUR CURRENT RANK OF AAA TUNER TO THE RANK OF SA TUNER.
CLAP CLAP
INCREDIBLE! THE ONLY OTHER PERSON TO GET AN SA RANK IN THEIR TEENS HAS BEEN ARJIN!
I DID IT! THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I WASN'T SO SURE I WAS GOING TO, BUT I AM THE DIVINE LADY TENA AFTER ALL!!
I'M NO LONGER INFERIOR TO HER!!
NOW I AM THE SAME AS THE ELITE!
THEY'RE FINALLY RECOGNIZING MY HIDDEN TALENTS!
KYOSUKE, DID YOU HEAR? I GOT PROMOTED! I GOT PROMOTED!
YEAH! THAT'S GREAT!

I'M GOING TO KEEP DOING MY BEST!
TO GET A LOT OF OTHER THINGS...!
FURTHERMORE
OUR PLAN TO CAPTURE NOTES IN ORDER TO CONCEAL KYOSUKE'S MOVEMENT HAS COME TO AN END.
AS SUCH
THE HQ WILL TAKE CHARGE OF
ALL THE NOTES AND OF KYOSUKE.
HUH?
BUT KYOSUKE'S NOTE IS MINE...
YES, AND AS SUCH,
YOU WERE GOING TO HAND IT IN TO THE HQ WITH ALL YOUR OTHERS, RIGHT?

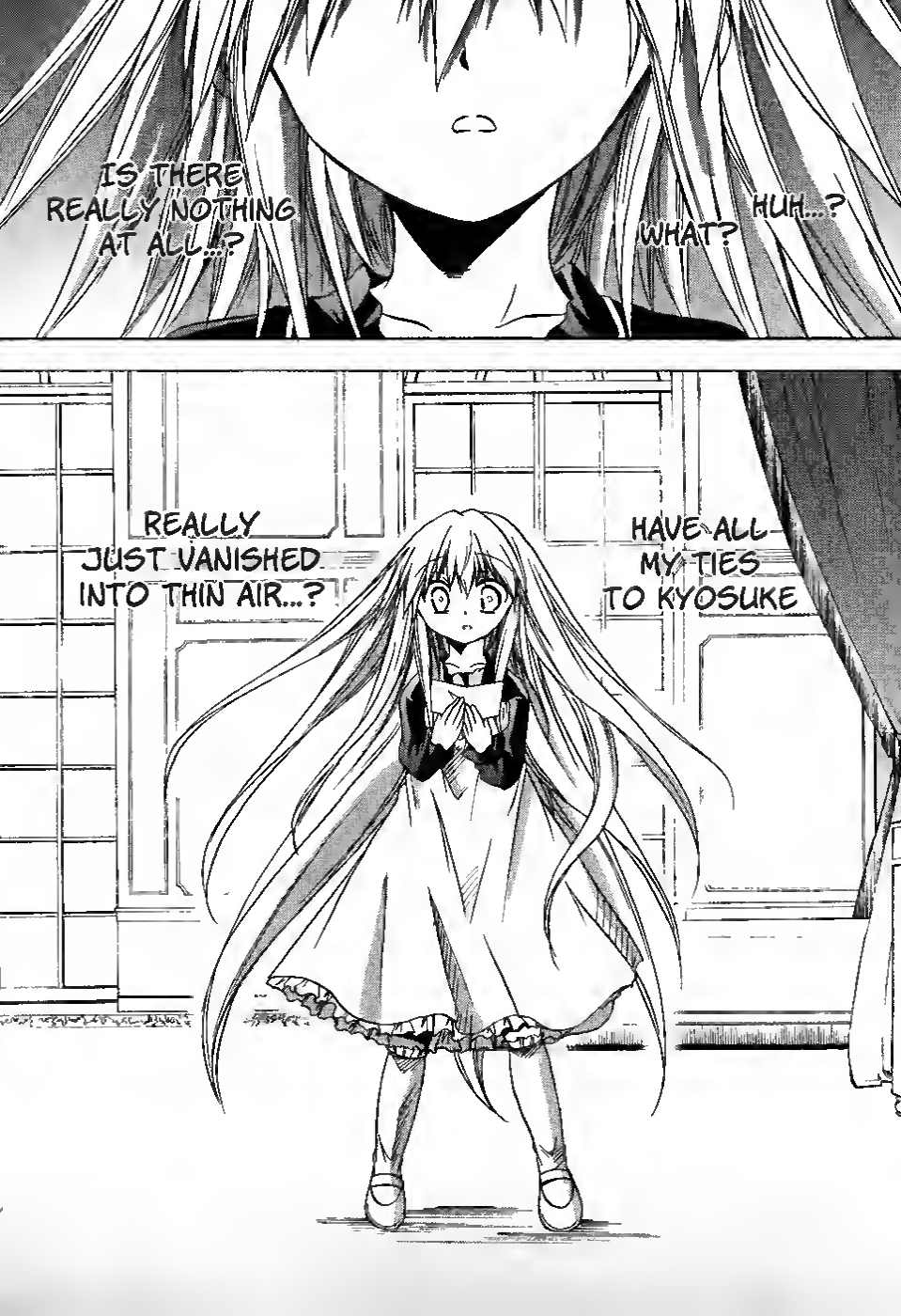
HUH? WHAT? THEN MY OWNERSHIP...
THAT'S CORRECT.
That comes to an end as of today.
IT'S SO SUDDEN...
HUH... BUT...
KYOSUKE...
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE TAKEN OVER THE PAST HALF A YEAR.
WE ARE GRATEFUL.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF WORRIED THAT I WOULD BE HAVING A BAD INFLUENCE ON YOUR WORK.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS TOOK A TURN FOR THE BETTER.
YOU WERE AIMING TO GET PROMOTED WITH THE COLLECTION COMPETITION RIGHT?
OH... YEAH. I WAS...
OH, IS THAT RIGHT?
WELL THAT SHOULD BE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU.

IT'S NICE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ME TAKING UP YOUR TIME ANYMORE.
YOU CAN GET BACK TO YOUR WORK WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT ME AGAIN.
YEAH ...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST TO FIND A GOOD COURSE TO FOLLOW.
SO BE SURE TO DO YOUR BEST TOO.
TH... THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING.
OF COURSE I WOULD DO MY BEST.
I SEE. I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'RE A MUCH HARDER WORKER THAN I EVER WAS
THAT WILL PROBABLY LEAD YOU TO REALLY GREAT THINGS IN THE FUTURE.
NO THANKS TO ME FOR BEING A RATHER WORTHLESS SERVANT. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I REALLY NEED TO THANK YOU.
YOU'VE REALLY DONE A LOT FOR ME.
HUH...?
WHAT?

KYOSUKE-SAMA, SHALL I TAKE YOU ON A TOUR OF THE CASTLE?
OH! SURE THING!
I'LL COME TOO!
HUH?
THIS CAN'T BE...
HOW CAN...
HOW CAN HE MY OWNERSHIP OVER HIM
JUST DISAPPEAR SO EASILY ...?
SEE YOU LATER.
I'LL BE STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE, SO IF YOU SEE ME AROUND, SAY SOMETHING
DON'T BE A STRANGER, OK?
HEY... WAIT...
I SAID : WAIT...!
HAS MY RIGHT TO GIVE HIM ORDERS
GONE AWAY TOO...?


IS THERE REALLY NOTHING AT ALL...?
WHAT?
HUH...?
REALLY JUST VANISHED INTO THIN AIR...?
HAVE ALL MY TIES TO KYOSUKE

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Presented by Sesuna Mikahe & Houbunsha

Arun Tours
Welcome to Arun Tour's Tuner Castle Tour!
Ohhhh!

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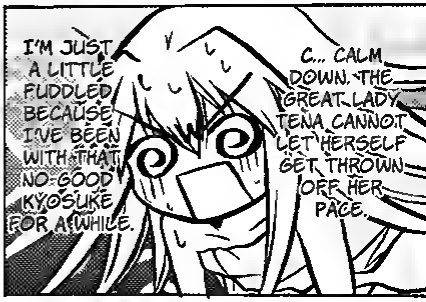
The Twenty-Seventh Movement.

"COUGH"
NOT LIVING IN A PLACE FOR HALF A YEAR SURE MAKES THE AIR STAGNANT.
KYOSUKE! OPEN A WINDOW THIS INSTANT TO GET SOME VENTILATION!!!
SHHH
ING
An unusually troubled hand
Hand with nowhere to go
Hand with nothing to do

glint
I'LL CLEAN THE HOUSE IN A JIFFY!!
A READY AND ABLE LADY LETS NO TIME GO TO WASTE!
rub rub
N... No, that's not it... I just...
It's not like I forgot or anything...
GAH! It's all moldy!!!
GRAB
FIRST, I'LL MOP UP!!
GAH!! The faucet's all rusted!!!
SLAM
NOW, TO GET ALL THAT GRIME OFF MY BODY, IT'S BATH TIME!!

It's like my whole house is trying to pick a fight with me!!!

AAAARGH! What's with one thing after another going wrong?!!


I'M JUST A LITTLE FUDDLED BECAUSE I'VE BEEN WITH THAT NO-GOOD KYOSUKE FOR A WHILE.
C... CALM DOWN. THE GREAT LADY TENA CANNOT LET HERSELF GET THROWN OFF HER PACE.

THERE. PERFECT!
I'VE HAD A SERVANT DO ALL THE WORK FOR ME THESE PAST 6 MONTHS.
BUT I, THE GREAT LADY TENA, AM GOOD AT ALL THINGS HOME RELATED.
I'VE GOT TO GET CAUGHT UP AFTER TAKING 6 MONTHS OFF.
AFTER I FINISH EATING, I'LL START STUDYING.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S A PROBLEM JUST BECAUSE HE'S NOT AROUND.
WITHOUT A GUY TO BOSS AROUND, IT TAKES MORE TIME,
OH, I CAN CASH MY CHECK AND BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES TOO
I'VE GOT TO GET CLOTHES FITTING FOR AN SA RANK TUNER.

WITH HIM NOT BEING HERE.
THERE'S NO PROBLEM
LET ME GET THAT.
OH, HERE?
AH! I FORGOT TO SET OUT THE TEACUP
reach
reach
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IT'S IN SHELVES ABOVE
LOOK, SEE?! I HAVE A STEP! I CAN GET IT MYSELF!!
I DON'T NEED HIM! I DON'T NEED HIM! I DON'T NEED KYOSUKE!!
clatter
clatter
clatter
shake
shake

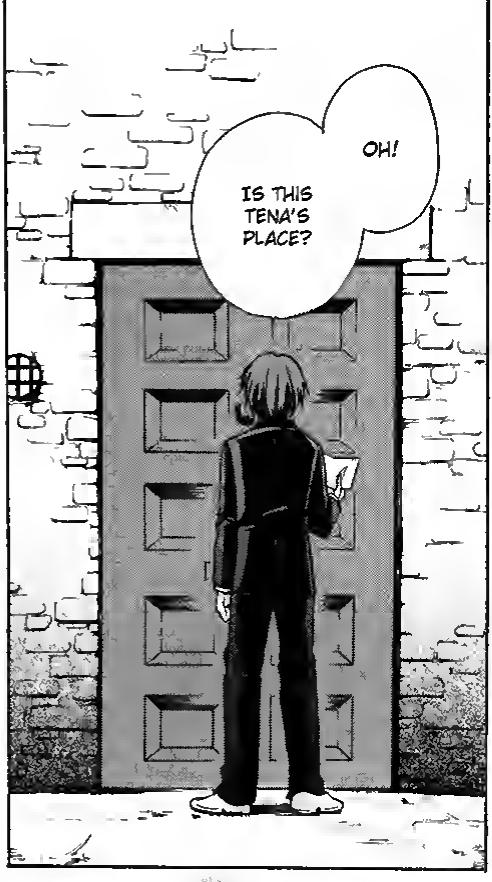
Oh, then I'll buy some when I'm out getting some score paper
I SHOULD HAVE BOUGHT IT EARLIER WITH THE REST
OH I WAS OUT OF SUGAR?
SUGAR
shake shake
shake shake shake
HUH? REALLY?
I'LL CARRY THAT
THANK YOU.
IT'S HEAVY FOR A LADY TO CARRY, ISN'T IT?
I'll just stick a memo here on the front door and buy it myself!!
I don't need him! I don't need him! I don't need Kyosuke!!
STICK

A READY AND ABLE LADY SUCH MYSELF IS WORTHY OF PRAISE!
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! I CAN DO ANYTHING PERFECTLY ALL BY MYSELF!
munch munch
munch munch
WHAT'S WITH THAT GIRL! CARRY YOUR OWN STUFF BY YOURSELF!!
STOMP
IT'S IMMATURE TO LET SOMEONE ELSE DO IT FOR YOU!
STOMP STOMP
SLAM
I'M GOING TO GET PROMOTED EVEN FURTHER AND BE ADMIRED BY ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE!
MY LIFE IS SMOOTH SAILING!
Tenzan, you're the best!
Lady Tenzan, you're so wonderful!
THEN I WILL LIVE IN A BIGGER HOUSE!
YES, CALL MY NAME! PRAISE ME!
THEN...
HAVE A GOOD LIFE.

ALL ALONE JUST LIKE I'M DOING NOW...
EAT A QUIET MEAL
UH-OH NOW YOU'RE GOING
TO NEED A NEW ONE HERE YOU ARE, LADY TENA-SAMA
AH...
CLATTER

shake
shake
shake
shake
I DON'T WANT HIM!
I DON'T WANT HIM...
YOU MADE THIS? LOOKS PRETTY GOOD!
OHHHH?
NO! NO!
shake
shake
YOU GOT PROMOTED AGAIN.
IT LOOKS LIKE
I'LL BE ADMIRED BY ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE!
IF I CAN DO THAT, I'LL BE SATISFIED!

THAT'S GREAT!
WITHOUT HIM HERE WITH ME...
WITHOUT HIM...


OH!
IS THIS TENA'S PLACE?

HMMM, LET'S SEE ..

IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE...
ACCORDING TO THE MAP MEZZO MADE ME,
STEP
STEP

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I NEVER DID ASK TENA WHAT SHE WAS GOING TO DO
WITH ALL THE FURNITURE AND TABLEWEAR THAT SHE BOUGHT AT MY PLACE IN JAPAN.

KNOCK KNOCK
HMM..? IS SHE NOT HOME?
TENA-SAMA! TENA-SAMA!
YOUR FORMER SERVANT IS HERE TO SEE YOU
OH, THE DOOR'S UNLOCKED.
CREEEAK
THAT WAS CARELESS OF HER.
CLACK
TENA-SAAAAN? ARE YOU HOME?
I'M COMING IN, ALL RIGHT??
HELL OOOO OOOO OOOO OOOO OOO ..?

KYO.....
SUKE...

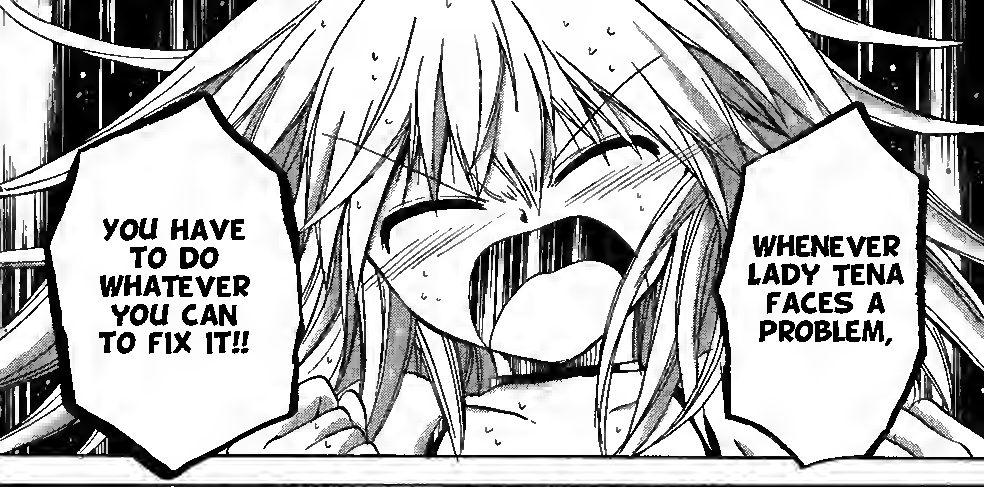
AH....
!!

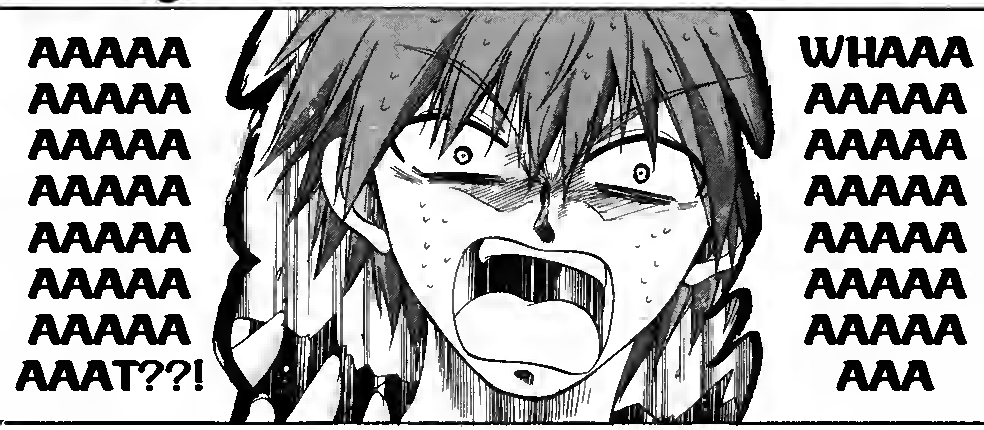
YOU COULD AT LEAST ANSWER ME
SO YOU WERE HERE AFTER ALL

AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AH!
HEY?
...?
WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S
KYO
SUKE
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEE!!

SFX: SMACK
TWIRL
TWIRL

SHUT UUUUU UUUUU UUUUU UUUUP !!
sploot
HEEEEEEY! What'dya hit me for?!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU GET HERE SOONER ?!!!
HUH ??
MY FAUCETS ARE RUSTED!! I'M OUT OF SUGAR!!
EVERYTHING IN MY HOUSE IS GOING WRONG!!
I'VE BEEN HAVING SO MANY PROBLEMS!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT
AND COME RUSHING TO MY AID! YOU HAVE TO!!


WHENEVER LADY TENA FACES A PROBLEM,
YOU HAVE TO DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO FIX IT!!

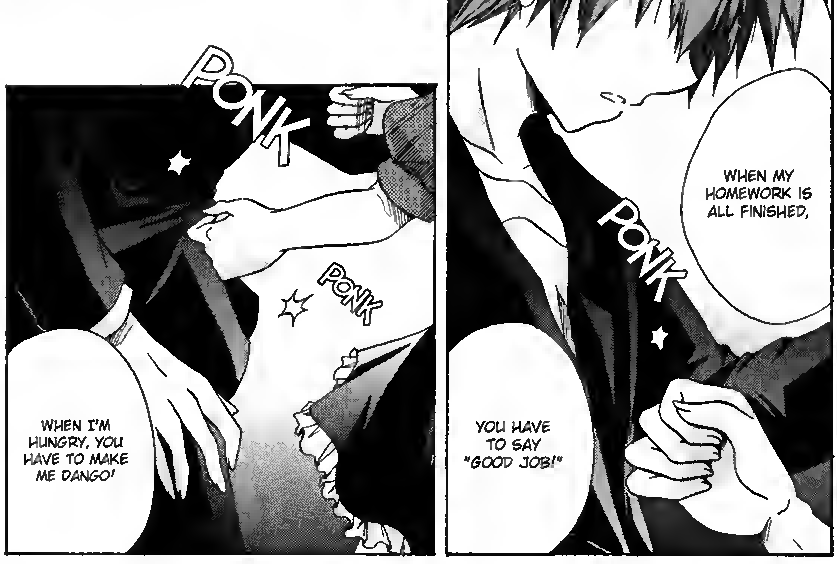

AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAT??!
WHAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAA

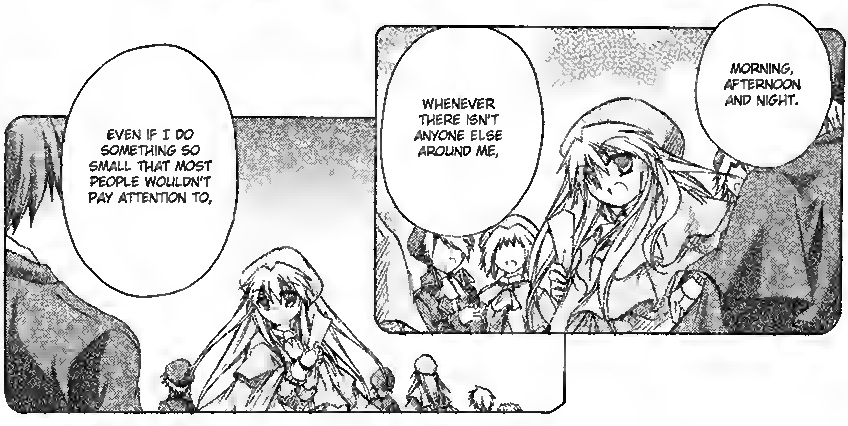
IF I SAY THAT'S HOW IT IS, THEN THAT'S HOW IT WILL BE!!

HEY NOW! WHAT'S WITH THAT LOGIC OF YOURS?! I'M NOT YOUR SERVANT ANYMORE! I DON'T HAVE TO DO A THING!
SHUT UP! THAT DOESN'T MATTER!!

GRAB
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THAT HEAD OF YOURS?!
THERE ARE LIMITS EVEN TO YOUR SELFISH-NESS!
!?

shake
shake
I DON'T NEED TO HAVE A REASON
whump
IF I WANT YOU TO COME HERE,
THEN YOU HAVE TO COME!
ponk
ponk
ponk
You jerk!
Shut up
whu
mp


PONK
PONK
WHEN I'M HUNGRY, YOU HAVE TO MAKE ME DANGO!
PONK
YOU HAVE TO SAY "GOOD JOB!"
WHEN MY HOMEWORK IS ALL FINISHED,


EVEN IF I DO SOMETHING SO SMALL THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T PAY ATTENTION TO,
WHENEVER THERE ISN'T ANYONE ELSE AROUND ME,
MORNING, AFTERNOON AND NIGHT.

YOU HAVE TO BE BY MY SIDE

AND PRAISE ME
FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM!!
TENA...?

YOU HAVE TO!
YOU JUST
HAVE TO!!
YOU HAVE
TO STAY
WITH ME AT
ALL TIMES!

YOU HAVE TO...
SNIFFLE
SOB
...
SOB
.....
SOB

2-ROOMS AND AROUND 50 SQUARE METERS... EH?
THAT'S ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE APARTMENT
THAT MOM AND I LIVED IN.
THANK YOU, KOTOKO-SAN

THANKS FOR WATCHING OVER MOM AND TAKING CARE OF HER EVER SINCE SHE WAS HOSPITALIZED.
THINK NOTHING OF IT.
IT WAS ALL FOR MY DEAR SENPAI.
BUT IT WAS ALL TOO SOON...
SHE WAS TOO YOUNG
TO GO TO HEAVEN.
THE MONTHS FROM WHEN SHE WAS DIAGNOSED AND HOSPITALIZED TO THE END WENT BY IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE
AT THE VERY LEAST I'M GLAD IT SEEMED THAT SHE DIDN'T SUFFER A LOT
WHAT ARE YOU PLANS FOR NOW, KYOSUKE-KUN?
YOU'RE ONLY 15 SHALL I TAKE CARE OF YOU IN---
NO.

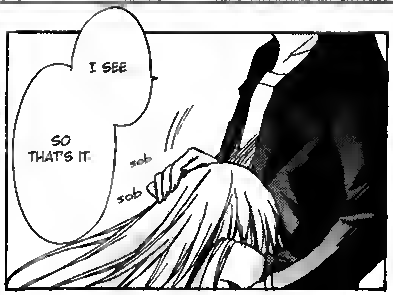
I THINK I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN.
THERE'S STILL A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY LEFT FROM MOM'S SAVINGS.
AND I'M DOING OK WITH MY PART TIME JOB AFTER SCHOOL
BUT...!
THANK YOU, KOTOKO-SAN.
BUT...
I WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO DO THE SAME.
MOM WORKED REALLY HARD ALL BY HERSELF.

*TL NOTE: A BUDDHIST FAMILY ALTAR FOR WORSHIP/REMEMBERING ONE'S ANCESTORS
SO FORGIVE ME FOR NOT HAVING A BUTSUDAN*
I'M NOT VERY RELIGIOUS,
I'M HOME!
Pheeee eeeew.
FINALLY GET TO REST A BIT.
TO A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, LIVING ALONE IN A 2| ROOM APARTMENT WITH KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
SURE IS A LUXURY.

Thank you,
Kyosuke.
you're going to catch a cold!
Oh, sheesh. You always go right to composing after getting out of the bath.
Sounds good! I'll cut the carrots
How does stew sound for dinner tonight?
I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF SMALL WHEN IT WAS THE TWO OF US...

BUT WHEN I WAS ALL ALONE,
IT SEEMED FAR TOO BIG...

YOU THINK IT'S A LITTLE BIG TO LIVE IN BY YOURSELF TOO, EH?

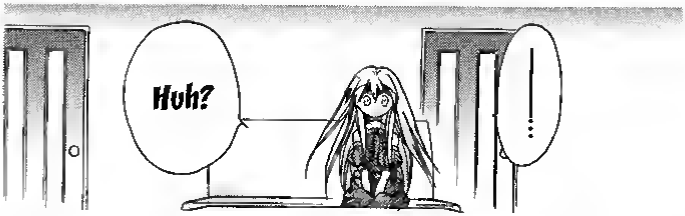

I SEE
SO THAT'S IT
sob
sob

R... Really?!
REALLY, REALLY.
SO STOP CRYING, ALL RIGHT?
and stop eating my skirt
I... I'M NOT CRYING!!
ALL RIGHT THEN
I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO, TOO, SO I CAN'T ALWAYS COME BY.
BUT IF I HAVE THE TIME, I'LL BRING YOU SOME DANGO.
daaaaaaaaze
DID YOU EVEN GET ANY SLEEP LAST NIGHT? YOUR EYES LOOK TERRIBLE
MMM...
GRRR!!
WHAT ?!?
GO GET SOME SLEEP!
I'LL GO HOME FOR NOW.

HEY... I HAVE TO TALK TO KOTOKO-SAN.
WHAAA?
YOU STAY RIGHT THERE TILL I GO TO SLEEP!
TENA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
HUH? HEY?
TENA-SAN...?
UMM MM?
Tenants
...

BUT IF YOU DO ANYTHING FUNNY, I'LL KILL YOU.
I WON'T.
I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP
ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT I GOT IT I GOT IT
YOU'D BETTER NOT!
EVERY THING WILL BE FINE
IT HAD BETTER...
IT HAD BETTER...

YOU HAVE TO STAY BY MY SIDE...



HEY, TENA-SAMA.
THIS IS KYOSUKE'S HOUSE IN JAPAN?
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IN FRANCE.
WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
I MADE SOME NICE BLACK TEA FOR YOU

OH, SINCE THE WEATHER'S SO NICE I'LL HANG THE LAUNDRY TO DRY
KYOSUKE'S HERE, AFTER ALL...
WELL, IT'S ALL RIGHT I GUESS
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I COULD RELAX AND ENJOY IT SO LEISURELY...
THIS TEA IS DELICIOUS
HUH?
I'M GOING TO THE SUPERMARKET SOON, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED?
THAT BRAND MAKES MY HAIR REALLY SHINY. SEE?
Look!!
OH, IT SURE DOES
Piko Piko Piko
IS THE SAME KIND AS LAST TIME, ALL RIGHT?
OH, I'M OUT OF SHAMPOO
YEAH

Piko
Piko
Piko
Piko
Piko
Piko
Piko
Piko
Piko
OH? THE ONE WITH EGGPLANT AND TOMATO?
OH, AND I WANT PASTA FOR DINNER TONIGHT! THE SAME ONE AS LAST TIME!
OK, OK, WE'LL DO THAT.
That was really good, wasn't it?
WHY IS MY HEART FLUTTERING SO MUCH?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ALL I'M DOING IS SITTING HERE, TALKING TO KYOSUKE.
I GET THE FEELING THAT I WOULD BE HAPPY IF I COULD DO THIS ALL THE TIME.
These dango are great!

LISTENING TO THE MELODY OF THE WIND AND SKY...
THE WARM SUNLIGHT
GLANCING OVER TO THE SIDE,
... HEY, KYOSUKE...
WORDS JUST SEEM TO COME RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH.

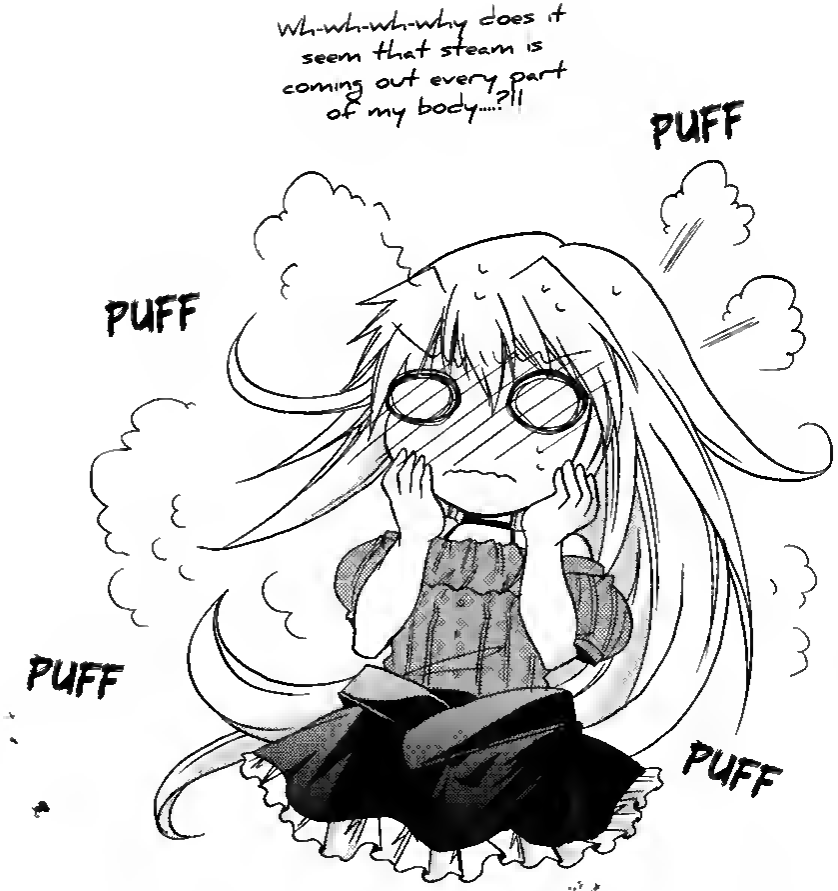
I LOVE YOU...

HUH?
A DREAM...?
DON'T TELL ME
I SLEPT FOR ALMOST A FULL DAY...?
KYOSUKE..?
Kyosuke's Restaurant
Today's Menu
Tomato Soup
Mushroom Omelette with Demi glaze
Lettuce salad
I just used whatever you had on hand, so forgive the meager 3 dishes. I'll bring some dango by some other time
OH... THE KITCHEN IS ALL CLEANED UP
WHISTLE
.....
IT'S DELICIOUS

KYOSUKE AND I ARE STILL CONNECTED.
JUST LIKE THIS MELODY HERE,
HE PROMISED TO MAKE ME DANGO.
HE PROMISED TO COME BY LATER.
REGARDLESS OF ANY MALEVOLENT NOTES, OWNERSHIP OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
THERE'S STILL A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO OF US
...
I SEE.
IT'S JUST LIKE MY DREAM.
JUST KNOWING THAT MAKES MY HEART GO PITTER-PATTER.

I AM
IN LOVE WITH KYOSUKE...

Tena
on S-string
Presented by Sasuna M kabe & Houbunsha


Wh-wh-wh-why does it seem that steam is coming out every part of my body....?!!
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF

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岬下部せすな
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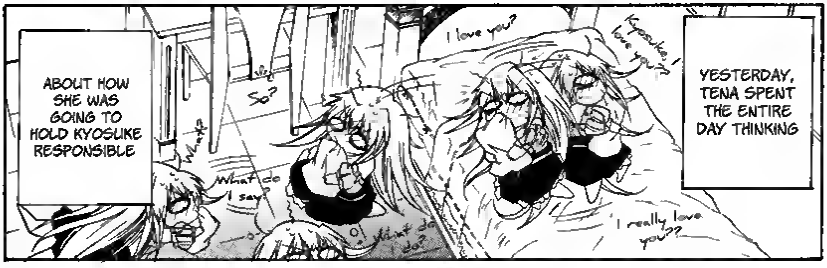
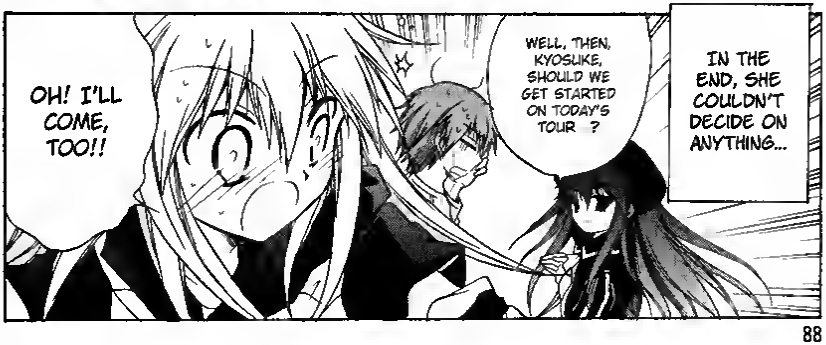
GOOD MORNING KYOSUKE
...H... HEY, ARUN
GOOD MORNING
Staaaaare
THAT'S A RATHER BOLD WAY OF WAKING SOMEONE UP
I KNOCKED, BUT I GOT WORRIED WHEN YOU DIDN'T ANSWER
sneak
YOUR FACE WAS AWFULLY CLOSE FOR THAT, THOUGH
I WAS TORN BETWEEN WAKING YOU OR NOT BECAUSE YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE SLEEPING SO PEACEFULLY
sneak
sneak
sneak
sneak
!!!

Tena on S-String
線上のテナ
The Twenty-Eighth Movement

DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
DID YOU EAT?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUTSIDE MY WINDOW?
I-I-I-I JUST FELT LIKE COMING IN THROUGH HERE, THAT'S ALL!
Flail Flail Flail
Y...
turn
YEAH...
You should look someone in the eyes when they're talking to you.
swish swish swish
twirl twirl twirl twirl
Why are you hiding your face?
Hmm? Hmm? What's wrong?
EYE GOUGE !!!
STAB
SHUT UP!! DON'T STICK YOUR FACE SO CLOSE!!!

thump thump thump thump
W-W-W...WHY AM I SO EMBARASSED WHEN HE LOOKS ME IN THE FACE...?!!
AHHHH~~ WHAT A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE JERK HE IS! HOW DARE HE MAKE LADY TENA SO UNCOMFORTABLE!
IT'S A SIN! HE MUST BE HELD RESPONSIBLE!! YES! KYOSUKE MUST REPENT FOR HIS SIN!!
thump thump
thump thump
thump thump


YESTERDAY, TENA SPENT THE ENTIRE DAY THINKING
ABOUT HOW SHE WAS GOING TO HOLD KYOSUKE RESPONSIBLE
I love you?
Kyosuke, love you?
So?
What do I say?
I really love you?


IN THE END, SHE COULDN'T DECIDE ON ANYTHING...
WELL, THEN, KYOSUKE, SHOULD WE GET STARTED ON TODAY'S TOUR ?
OH! I'LL COME, TOO!!

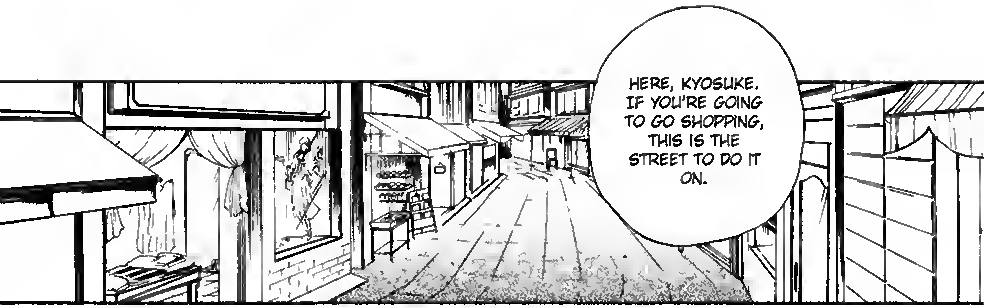
DON
ALL THAT !?!
You needn't worry about that. I've done some reading up over the past two days.
HUH? BUT, TENA, DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN STUDIES TO DO?
W-W-W-WELL, YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO TAKE CARE OF ANYONE BEFORE, HAVE YOU?!
flail
flail
flail
I HAVE LEARNED THE CORE RULES OF SERVING WITH WARMTH AND LOVE FROM THESE BOOKS ON SERVITUDE AND MAIDS.
Purity, honesty, and compassion.
So do not worry, Tena. You can return to your normal life.

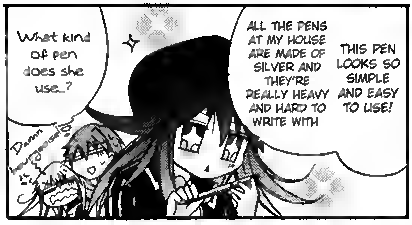
...ALL RIGHT THEN. DO YOU KNOW... THE PLACES WHERE THE COMMON FOLK SHOP...?
HUH?
YOU THINK YOU CAN GUIDE KYOSUKE AROUND SO WELL?
DO YOU KNOW THE KIND OF PLACES... HE WOULD WANT TO EAT OR SHOP AT?
JUST HOW MUCH OF AN EVERYDAY PERSON'S LIFE DO YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND?
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE
ABOUT HOW A MODEST, EVERYDAY PERSON LIKE KYOSUKE ACTUALLY LIVES, DO YOU?!!!
SFX: SHATTER
Ah... Ah... How
can this be?
How could I not realize
stagger
stagger

SLUMP
That is the one thing a book could never teach me.
I am still so immature.
Uuuu... Arun-san?
You don't have to get so upset over it...
SHH!!
I now understand that taking care of Kyosuke by myself just isn't possible
I'm am at a complete loss, Tena-san!
Please, lend me your wisdom and strength!!
I suppose if you insist, then I can help you.
Don't think I'm going to leave you alone with Kyosuke!
What am I going to do?!!
I need to figure out what to do!
Well, for the time being, I can be with Kyosuke again.

BUT, TENA, YOU HAVE YOUR OWN WORK TO DO...
OH MY!
WHATEVER IS THE MATTER?
THE HEADQUARTERS IS STILL UNSETTLED, SO THERE ISN'T MUCH WORK FOR TUNERS RIGHT NOW.
OH, IS THAT SO?
SPEAKING OF WORK, IS YOUR STORE IN JAPAN GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?
I HAVE TWO EMPLOYEES WHO TAKE CARE OF THE BUSINESS FOR ME, SO IT'S FINE.
BUT IT SEEMS THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE BACK THERE.
IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT...
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
OH, NOTHING MAJOR.
ANYWAY, WHY DON'T YOU THREE RELAX AND JUST HAVE FUN TOGETHER?

HUH ??
We'll take GOOD care of you Auza!!
THOUGH THE SITUATION MAY NOT REMAIN RELAXING FOR LONG.


HERE, KYOSUKE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO SHOPPING, THIS IS THE STREET TO DO IT ON.


What kind of pen does she use..?
Damn, I'm screwed!
ALL THE PENS AT MY HOUSE ARE MADE OF SILVER AND THEY'RE REALLY HEAVY AND HARD TO WRITE WITH
THIS PEN LOOKS SO SIMPLE AND EASY TO USE!

THEY'VE GOT SOME GENERAL GOODS TOO.
THE FOOD'S OVER HERE

THE CLOTHES HERE ARE FASHIONABLE AND CHEAP.

FORGOT TO BUY SOMETHING?
HMMM... I DIDN'T THINK I'D FIND IT HERE.

WELL, I PROMISED TO MAKE YOU DANGO, DIDN'T I?
BUT THE INGREDIENTS ARE KIND OF HARD TO FIND.
SORRY.
twirl
Y-YOU CAN JUST MAKE THEM WHEN YOU CAN!!
BUT YOU WANT SOME, DON'T YOU?
IT'S FINE, FINE!!
AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THE PROMISE, IT'S FINE!!
HMMM?
EVEN AFTER ALL THAT HAPPENED,
PEOPLE ARE STILL RUNNING THEIR BUSINESSES AS USUAL.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE GREAT HOUSES MOSTLY SUPPORTED MY BROTHER'S GROUP.
AND THE TUNERS WHO DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON WERE GIVEN A PROPER EXPLANATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES
MY BROTHER SAID THAT THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE WRONGDOINGS
WERE MOSTLY MEMBERS OF THE UPPER RANKS.
WELL THEN, NOW THAT I'VE DONE MY SHOPPING WHERE SHOULD WE GO TO SPEND SOME TIME?
WE COULD PROBABLY EVEN GO SOMEPLACE FURTHER OUT.
I SEE.
MOST OF THE TUNERS TOOK THEIR POWERS AND ORDERS AS PART OF THE POLICIES HERE.
NOW, ALL WE NEEDS TO DO IS WATCH WHAT HAPPENS.
IN THAT CASE ..

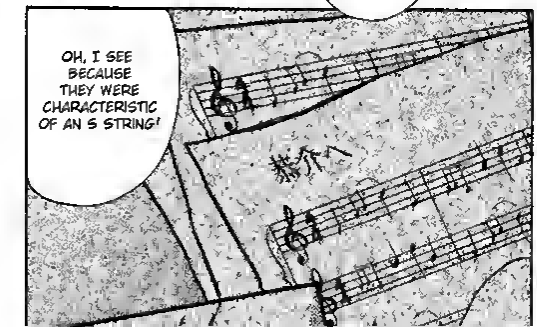
WHY DON'T WE GO TO THAT PART OF THE CASTLE?
WOAH! THERE'S SOME NICE STUFF HERE!
THIS IS THE GUEST MUSIC ROOM.
WOAH! THANKS A LOT!
YOU CAN USE THE INSTRUMENTS OR THINGS HERE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE
I HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED AN INSTRUMENT SINCE I GOT HERE

RUSTLE
PLINK
plong...
plolong

JYAANG
GOOD. I THOUGHT IT WAS RATHER GOOD MYSELF.
HUH?! WELL... SURE.
IT WAS WONDERFUL, WASN'T IT, TENA-SAN?!
Flop
HUH? WELL, IT'S JUST SOMETHING I MADE UP ON THE FLY JUST NOW.
WOW!
THAT WAS WONDERFUL! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THAT SONG. WHO WROTE IT?!
...TH
MY FINGERS JUST GLIDED ALONG THE KEYS
TOTALLY UNCONSCIOUSLY.
SO SOUL SCORES HAVE AN S CHORD, OR AN S STRING, IF YOU WILL.
GUITARS HAVE A G CHORD, AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW?
IT'S A VERY RARE KEY SIGNATURE IN A SOUL SCORE
S CHORD?
YOU MUST HAVE AN S CHORD IN YOU, KYOSUKE.

THOSE WHO LISTEN TO A SONG IN S CHORD OVER A LONG TIME DEVELOP A MORE REFINED SENSITIVITY THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON.
THEY ALSO HAVE A MUCH BETTER ABILITY TO COMPOSE MUSIC THAN OTHERS.
IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE SOUL SCORES OF FAMOUS COMPOSERS THROUGHOUT HISTORY,
MANY OF THEM HAD S STRINGS.

THAT'S WHY KOKYUU-SAMA WAS ABLE TO LOOK AT THE SCORES WRITTEN BY YOUR MOTHER
AND KNOW THAT YOU WERE RELATED.


OH, I SEE BECAUSE THEY WERE CHARACTERISTIC OF AN S STRING!

HUH? HOW DO YOU KHOW?
IF YOU LOOK AT THE SONGS THEY COMPOSED, YOU CAN TELL.
AN S STRING MELODY HAS VERY DIS-TINCT CHAR-ACTERISTICS.

HUH?
Hmmmm... Then the Great Lady Tena wouldn't mind giving you some special lessons, you know??
You know?
You know?
THAT WOULD BE NICE, BUT TO BE HONEST, I STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.
IF YOU CONTINUE TO PLAY ON YOUR S STRING, YOU MAY BECOME A FAMOUS COMPOSER YOURSELF ONE DAY, KYOSUKE
ARE YOU SURE?
Don't copy me, elite!!
THAT'S RIGHT. I HAVE A LOT OF BOOKS THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT, SO I WILL HELP TOO.
YES.
ANY ASSISTANCE I CAN OFFER YOU WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY, TOO.

I SEE.
THEN, PLEASE DO.
LET'S MAKE GREAT SONGS TOGETHER!

POOOONG
POOOONG
LET'S STOP FOR TODAY THEN.
WOAH IT'S EVENING ALREADY?
...
I HAVE A SMALL ERRAND TO RUN ELSEWHERE, SO YOU CAN HEAD BACK TO YOUR ROOM.
I SEE. THEN I WILL SEE YOU TOMORROW.

.....
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WELL,
I JUST THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SIT AND TALK WITH YOU AT LEAST ONCE
...
COME IN.

YES. I WAS JUST THINKING OF MAKING SOMETHING.
ARE THESE FOR DINNER?
HMMMMM
.....
She makes her guests pour their own tea??
THE WATER'S WARM!!
THE TEA IS OVER THERE!
WELL, IT'S JUST I'VE BEEN LIVING ALONE FOR SO LONG, I CAN'T REALLY CALM DOWN UNLESS I'M DOING HOUSEWORK
WHAT?
THEN WOULD YOU MIND IF I MADE YOU SOMETHING?
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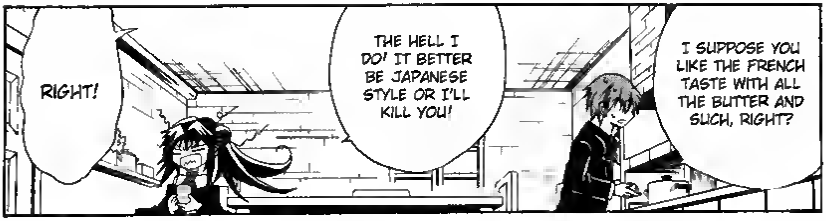
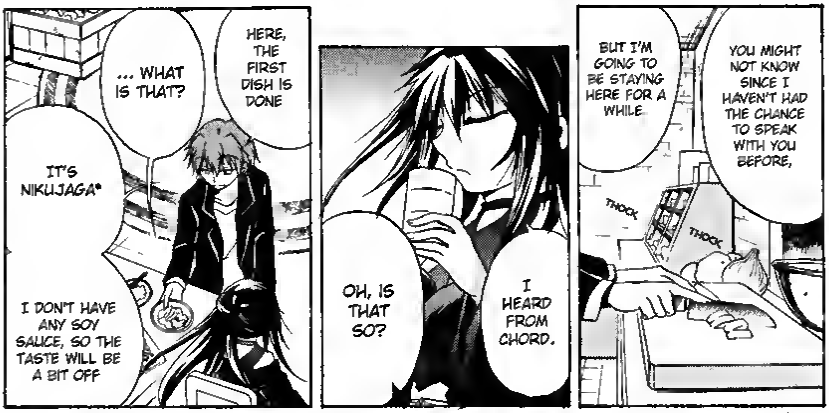
THAT AND...
IT GIVES ME SOME TIME TO THINK.
DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT


I SUPPOSE YOU LIKE THE FRENCH TASTE WITH ALL THE BUTTER AND SUCH, RIGHT?
THE HELL I DO! IT BETTER BE JAPANESE STYLE OR I'LL KILL YOU!
RIGHT!

*MEAT AND POTATOES LITERALLY BUT UNLIKE WESTERN STYLE WHERE YOU WOULD THINK A SLAB OF MEAT (STEAK) + POTATOES IT IS KIND OF LIKE A VERY CHUNKY MASHED POTATO WITH MEAT MIXED IN.


BUT I'M GOING TO BE STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW SINCE I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH YOU BEFORE,
THOCK
THOCK
I HEARD FROM CHORD.
OH, IS THAT SO?
HERE, THE FIRST DISH IS DONE
... WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S NIKUJAGA*
I DON'T HAVE ANY SOY SAUCE, SO THE TASTE WILL BE A BIT OFF

GOOD. I'M GLAD IT SUITS YOUR TASTES.
WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO FROM NOW ON?
WHY ASK ME?
WELL... I...
IT'S MY FAULT, ISN'T IT?
THAT... HE DIED AND ALL.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
HE WAS LIKE THAT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. ALWAYS WALKING HIS OWN PATH.

I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO ASK.
PERHAPS
CLINK
Has anything good happened
in the 24 years you've lived?

BACK THEN, WHEN I LET YOU AND YOUR PARENTS GO,
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD END UP CARRYING GREAT BURDENS.
IF THAT WAS THE CASE, THEN I SHOULD HAVE FORCED THEM TO STOP AND TAKE THE LAWFUL PATH INSTEAD.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D MAKE IT.
AND I FIGURED THAT EVEN IF THEY DID ESCAPE YOU WOULD FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND IT WOULD BRING YOU PAINFUL MEMORIES.
WAS THE CHOICE I MADE THE RIGHT ONE?
I STILL DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT...
.....
YOU SEE.
IN JAPAN I AM A MUSIC TEACHER.

MOM SEEMED TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN DOING THAT, SO I DECIDED TO DO THE SAME.
I DON'T HAVE THAT MANY, BUT I DO HAVE SOME STUDENTS
IT'S A LOT OF FUN TO SEE THEM GET BETTER, LITTLE BY LITTLE
IT BOTHERED ME A BIT WHEN MY SOUL SCORE FIRST STARTED TO AWAKEN,
BUT I'M QUITE LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO HEAR THINGS THAT FEW OTHER PEOPLE CAN HEAR.
AND WHILE THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TROUBLE ON THE ROAD,
I'VE MET MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE,
AND LIVED AND EXPERIENCED MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT I WOULD HAVE MISSED IF I'D BEEN ALL COOPED UP.

I THINK IT'S FUN JUST TO BE ALIVE.
SO RIGHT NOW,
I SEE.

THEN MY CHOICE
WAS THE RIGHT ONE AFTER ALL.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE EATEN FOOD
MADE BY SOMEONE ELSE.

HEY! WAIT!!
WAIT!
MISS!
THE ONE LEAVING RIGHT NOW!
WAIT A MOMENT, PLEASE!!

ARE YOU AN EMPLOYEE AT THE RESTAURANT?
I'M THE OWNER, CHEF ROCK
YOU ALWAYS LEAVE OUR RESTAURANT WITHOUT FINISHING YOUR FOOD RIGHT?
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE FOOD? AS THE CHEF, I CAN'T HELP BUT BE CONCERNED ABOUT IT.
IF IT ISN'T GOOD, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S WRONG SO I CAN IMPROVE IT
IT'S NOT THAT IT ISN'T GOOD...
THEN WHY DID YOU LEAVE SO MUCH OF IT?!
IT'S NOT THAT IT ISN'T GOOD.
IT JUST DOESN'T SUIT MY TASTES.

FRENCH CUISINE ALWAYS USES TOO MUCH BUTTER AND SAUCE.
AFTER THREE BITES, I START TO FEEL SICK.
I SEE. EASTERN FOOD IS LIGHTER IN FLAVOR, ISN'T IT?
SO I CAN CREATE AND DISCOVER MORE RECIPES TO APPEASE MY CUSTOMERS!!
WHY DO YOU KEEP BRINGING ME BACK TO THIS RESTAURANT ANYWAY?
WAIT WAIT WAIT!! MY PRIDE AS A CHEF CANNOT ALLOW THIS!!
Don't need it. I'm leaving.
step step
DELICIOUS FOOD IS ESSENTIAL! IT NOURISHES A PERSON'S MIND, BODY, AND SOUL!!
LISTEN! COOKING IS TUNING OF THE BODY!!

HE LOOKS SERIOUS !!!
KEEP COMING UNTIL I MAKE FOOD THAT YOU LIKE!!
EVEN IF YOU REFUSE, I WILL BRING IT TO YOUR HOUSE EVERY DAY!!
DON'T PUT ANY OLIVE OIL IN IT!!
LIGHT SEASON-ING
ONLY USE SALT.
FINE, FINE. FIRST OF ALL, DON'T USE BUTTER.
HMM...
HOW'S THIS! THIS IS MY 100TH TRY!!

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I ATE SOMETHING THAT SUITED ME.
WOOOOO!! FINALLY, AFTER THREE MONTHS!!
I HAVE TO SAY IT'S PRETTY GOOD.
I SEE.
THAT'S GREAT!
OWNER, LUNCH FOR 2!
COMIN' RIGHT UP!
OH, KOKYUU-SAN. YOU'VE BEEN COMING HERE A LOT LATELY.
WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT FOR US TO JOIN YOU?
!!

HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO BLUNT, DO YOU?
IT WON'T HURT TO BE A LITTLE FRIENDLY, WOULD IT?
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
NO.
I SEE. SORRY.
WHY? COME EVERY DAY! I'LL MAKE THE FOOD THE WAY YOU LIKE IT.
YOU DON'T NEED TO.
YOU'RE SATISFIED THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO SUIT THE ASIAN PALATE NOW, RIGHT?
THEN I'M THROUGH COMING HERE
THAT'S NOT VERY NICE. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, DO YOU?
I DON'T NEED ANY!
THEY'LL ALL DIE BEFORE I DO, ANYWAY.

WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE I MADE FRIENDS
BUT NO MATTER HOW FRIENDLY I WAS TO THEM,
THEY ALL WENT BEFORE I DID.
I BUILT RELATIONSHIPS, AND THEY WENT AWAY
I BUILT THEM UP, THEY WENT AWAY.
I'M TIRED OF IT NOW...
LATER.
LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN GOOD HEALTH.
SAY,
I JUST HAD A GOOD IDEA.

PFFFFFT
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE SOME KIDS?
HEY! DON'T SPIT OUT WHAT YOU JUST ATE!!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SPOUTING LUDICROUS REMARKS!!
THEY AREN'T LUDICROUS!
YOU JUST NEED TO GET MARRIED, HAVE KIDS, AND BUILD A FAMILY!!
YOU CAN BE WITH YOUR GRANDKIDS, YOUR GREAT GRANDKIDS AND YOU'LL ALL BE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY!!
ARE YOU DAFT?! MARRIAGE, LET ALONE HAVING KIDS
ISN'T SOMETHING ONE CAN DO BY THEMSELVES!!
SMACK
RIGHT, SO...

WHY DON'T YOU MARRY ME?
SFX: Wrrrrrrrrrrring
K-K-K-K-K-K-Kokyuu. Can't... breathe~~~~~
Flail Flail
Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-YOU TWIT!! LISTEN! MARRIAGE IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER DO!!
Flail Flail
RIGHT. LIKE I SAID, I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU.
JUST NOW.
Lean
JUST NOW?!?

I GOT THE FEELING THAT I WANTED TO MAKE DELICIOUS FOOD FOR YOU EVERY DAY.
WHEN I SAW YOU EATING MY FOOD WITH A LOOK THAT SAID IT WAS DELICIOUS,
CANNOT COMPREHEND
WH...... FOR SUCH A STUPIDLY TRIVIAL REASON AS THAT...?!
YOU THINK SO? PEOPLE HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE
FOR MUCH SIMPLER REA- SONS THAN THAT, I THINK.
CANNOT COMPREHEND
Hmmmm??
Hmm?
WELL.... THAT'S...
HOW 'BOUT IT? YOU WANT TO EAT MY COOKING, DON'T YOU?
Hmm?
WHICH IS IT?
WELL... IF YOU MADE ME SOMETHING, IT'S NOT LIKE I WOULDN'T EAT IT...

THEN FALL IN LOVE WITH ME FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT
YOU WANT TO EAT MY FOOD EVERY DAY!!

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE AS FORWARD AS YOU BEFORE...
OH! THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT!
... IT WASN'T.
AS TIME WENT ON, WE GOT MARRIED
AND HAD A CHILD.
7 YEARS LATER, ROCK FELL ILL
AND LEFT THIS WORLD FOR GOOD.
AND 17 YEARS LATER, MY SON DID TOO.

I [illegible] THE [illegible] SEE THEM OFF.
I'M [illegible] TO IT.
JUST LIKE MUSIC NOTES, THEY RING FOR A MOMENT,
THAT IS JUST HOW A PERSON'S LIFE IS.
THANKS FOR GIVING US YOUR BLESSING FOR MARRIAGE.
MOM,
WHY DON'T YOU MAKE A FAMILY WITH ME?
KOKYUU,
BUT...

I'm glad the Nikujaga suits your tastes.
Good.
I SEE.
—SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, THERE'S A PERSON WHO'S STILL CONNECTED TO ME.
THIS KIND OF THING ISN'T SO BAD.

Tena on S-string

Presented by Sesuna Mikabe & Houbunsha

I've been making a lot of food for other people lately. Have I eaten anything myself?
GRRRRRR

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The Twenty-Ninth Interment

NEXT,
I WILL GIVE MY REPORT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION AFTER THREE MONTHS.
WE HAVE ARRESTED NINE PEOPLE RELATED TO THE RECENT INCIDENT WE HAD.
HOWEVER, IT'S TOO SOON TO THINK THAT THERE AREN'T MANY OF THEM LEFT.
APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE SCORE WEAPONS THAT WERE PLACED IN EACH COUNTRY HAVE BEEN NEUTRALIZED.
IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS

HAVE YOU FOUND BELLILA YET?
WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR HER.
PERHAPS SHE IS HIDING IN FEAR OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE?
SO SHE HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE SHE WENT OUT TO CAPTURE KYOSUKE UNDER GLORIA'S ORDERS, EH?
SHE'S NOT AS COWARDLY AS THAT
FOR THE TIME BEING,
SHALL WE PROCEED WITH THE PLAN REGARDING KYOSUKE-KUN AND LADY OSTINATO?
YEAH. WILL YOU TELL HIM ABOUT IT...?
!?

JIN
GLE
WAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AH!!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
KA
BO
OO
OM

I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE!!
EEEEP!
DUON?!
OH.... IT'S YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THIS AREA IS OFF LIMITS TO TUNERS.
WE MIGHT THINK YOU WERE SOMEONE TRYING TO LISTEN IN OR SOMETHING

TODAY'S MEETING IS ADJOURNED
WELL, THE THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED HAVE BEEN DECIDED.
SEEMS THE TENSION IS OVER
RIGHT. WE FINALLY DECIDED ON HOW TO HANDLE IT.
YOU MEAN THE STUFF ABOUT KYOSUKE AND THE OTHERS?
RIGHT
DUON, THE EXIT IS THIS WAY.
FOLLOW US.
GOOD GRIEF...
WELL, I GOT A LITTLE LOST AND I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHERE I WAS.
YOU'RE ALREADY 15,
YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE THINGS A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY NOW.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT. SORRY.
CLATCH
STEP
I'VE GOT TO BE MORE SERIOUS.

I SHOULD HAVE ALREADY DONE THE BEST I COULD AT EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO DO...
EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT...

WHAT'S WRONG ?
WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND
I'M SURE..
YEAH.
I'M FINE.

THAT'S WHAT I HAVE COME TO TELL YOU.
YES.
HUH? THEY'VE DECIDED WHAT TO DO ABOUT KYOSUKE?
THERE SURE SEEMS TO BE A LOT ON THE TABLE.
I LIVE ALONE, SO I AM JUST GIVING HIM THE LEFTOVERS OF WHAT I HAD FROM THE OTHER DAY, THAT'S ALL!!
OHHH? EVERY DAY?
Uuuuuuuush
TENA AND ARUN HAVE BEEN MAKING BENTO AND BRINGING THEM HERE FOR ME.
I THOUGHT EATING OUT WOULD MAKE KYOSUKE'S DIET A LITTLE UNBALANCED.

HEY, ELITE! WHY ARE YOU BRINGING OUT AN ENTIRE A LA CARTE MENU WITH YOU?! ARE YOU STUPID OR SOMETHING!?!
YOU THINK IT'S INAPPROPRIATE ?!
FIRST OFF, YOU DON'T HAVE LOBSTER IN A BENTO...
I'VE NEVER HAD MUCH CONTACT WITH THIS SIMPLE FUNCTIONALITY CALLED "BENTO" SO I WASN'T REALLY SURE WHAT TO PREPARE...
THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF CHINESE, FRENCH AND ITALIAN CUISINE HERE,
TENA, YOU REALLY DID COOK THESE, DIDN'T YOU?
OF COURSE I DID! LADY TENA IS PERFECT!!
WELL, THEY REALLY ARE GOOD.
YOU TWO ARE REALLY GOOD AT COOKING.
BUT THEY ALL LOOK REALLY GOOD.

THIS IS ESPECIALLY GOOD.
YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL ME WHAT YOU USED TO SEASON IT.
Hmm?
Hmm?
Hmm?
HUH? HUH? IS IT REALLY THAT GOOD??
YEAH IT'S DELICIOUS
HAVE YOU NOT TASTED IT?
I... I HAVE, BUT..
WELL... I'VE NEVER HAD SOMEONE ELSE EAT IT BEFORE...
I SEE... SO IT'S BETTER THAN I THOUGHT
MWG OOO AAH !!!
KYOSUKE, PLEASE HAVE SOME OF MINE...
HERE! THESE CAME OUT REALLY WELL TOO!
EAT THEM TOO!!
TEEHEE. WELL, BEFORE YOU SUFFOCATE KYOSUKE-KUN,
CAN I TELL HIM THE NEWS?
OH! THAT'S RIGHT!!

IT'S BEEN DECIDED
THAT IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL LIFE.
Huh?! Really?!
AFTER OBSERVING YOU FOR THREE MONTHS, WE'VE DISCOVERED THAT THE SEAL ON YOU HAS WORN
BUT DESPITE THAT, EVERYTHING SEEMS SAFE ENOUGH.
HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME CONDITIONS.
YET, THERE'S THE FACT THAT A GREAT POWER DOES SLEEP WITHIN YOU.
HEADQUARTERS CAN'T REALLY LET THAT TAKE CARE OF ITSELF.
AS SUCH...

FIRST OF ALL
WE WILL HAVE TO REPORT ON YOUR STATUS EVERY MONTH.
IT WILL BE A ROUTINE CHECK-UP TO MAKE SURE NOTHING IS OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
NUMBER 2
YOU MUST LIVE WITHIN AN OBSERVABLE DISTANCE FROM A FELLOW TUNER WHO LIVES OVERSEAS
ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT SOMETHING GOES HORRIBLY WRONG THEY CAN BE THERE TO RESPOND.
IF YOU RETURN TO JAPAN, I WOULD RETURN TO MY STORE
SINCE YOU COULD EASILY BE OBSERVED BY ME,
YOU WOULD BE BACK TO YOUR LIFE AS NORMAL.
AND THE LAST ITEM, NUMBER 3:
YOU MUST LEARN HOW TO MASTER YOUR OWN POWERS AS A TUNER.
POINT.

IF THE SEAL ON YOU BREAKS AND YOUR POWER AWAKENS
YOU MAY THEN BE ABLE TO KEEP YOUR OWN POWERS UNDER YOUR CONTROL.
THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.
THEY'RE BETTER CONDITIONS THAN I THOUGHT.
UNLIKE THE FORMER UPPER RANKS, WE ARE MORE HUMAN.
IN THE EVENT THAT THE SEAL COMES CLOSE TO BREAKING COMPLETELY,
YOU WILL BE FORCED TO RETURN HERE.
BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE
WHAT DO YOU THINK, KYOSUKE-KUN?
YEAH. THEY'RE ALMOST TOO GOOD.
THANKS A LOT!
BUT IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO GO BACK TO MY NORMAL LIFE ?
YOU CAN GIVE YOUR RESPONSE WHENEVER YOU'RE READY
SO TAKE YOUR TIME AND THINK IT OVER.
I SEE.

BUT,
I'M JUST GLAD THERE'S A CHANCE THAT I CAN RETURN TO JAPAN.
LET'S GO MEET YOUR EXTRA-SPECIAL COACH!! ♡
AND SO,
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL, NO MATTER WHICH YOU CHOOSE TO DO,
YOU WILL FIRST NEED TO MASTER YOUR POWERS AS A TUNER.
COACH??

What the hell are you so scared of?!!
You call yourself a guy?!!!
I'm sorry !!!
YOUR TIMING IS ALL WRONG!! DO I NEED TO POKE HOLES IN YOUR EYES SO YOU CAN SEE BETTER?!!
EEEEE EEEEE EEEEE EK!!!
GAAA AAAA AH!!!
CAN YOU NOT HEAR THE SOUND?!! ARE THOSE TWO THINGS ON THE SIDE OF YOUR HEAD JUST DECORATIONS?!!

KOKYU-SAMA SAID, "I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY FAMILY."
IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO HAVE CONTACT WITH ONE'S OWN FAMILY!
... You think so?
GWOOOOOOF
W... WELL, I'M NOT SURE
turn
BUT IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR HIM TO WANT TO, DON'T YOU THINK?
!
RIGHT !!
DO IT AGAIN!
YOU'RE RIGHT. HE PROBABLY PREFERS TO BE WHERE HE WAS RAISED AND HAS LIVED FOR SO LONG
BUT...
HUH?!
TENA-SAN,
KYOSUKE IS PROBABLY REALLY GOING TO RETURN TO JAPAN, ISN'T HE?

FOR SOME REASON,
I HAVE THIS FEELING THAT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE...
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO FAIL UNTIL YOU'RE HAPPY?!!
How's this?!!
..WELL, FOR NOW, LET'S JUST THINK ABOUT THE PRESENT.
..THAT SEEMS TO BE BEST..

Woaah!
CRAAAAAASH!
SORRY CLAVES! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE JUST OUTSIDE THE DOOR
YES
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I WAS A LITTLE CARELESS MYSELF
OH NO. YOUR GLASSES ARE SMASHED.
I'LL GET YOU A NEW PAIR.
THESE...
NO, THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WORK LIKE THIS.
WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME EARLY TODAY...?
LENSES WERE JUST PLAIN GLASS TO START WITH ANYWAY...

HUH...??
IN OTHER WORDS...
THEY WERE GLASSES JUST FOR SHOW.
I HAVE 1.5 VISION IN BOTH EYES, SO I'M FINE.
OH. NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU DIDN'T WEAR GLASSES WHEN I FIRST MET YOU IN SCHOOL.
WHEN YOU BECAME MY ASSISTANT, YOU WORE THEM SO I THOUGHT YOUR VISION HAD GOTTEN WORSE.
WHY WOULD YOU PURPOSELY WEAR GLASSES JUST FOR SHOW...?
WHY WOULD I INDEED?
.....
Huh?
ANYWAY, IT'S TIME CHANGE YOUR BANDAGE.
GIVE ME YOUR ARM.
HMM? WHERE'S VINA-SAN?
LADY VINA IS...

Vnarsan! I want some water!
Me too!
Vnarsan! Give me some medicine
Vnarsan!
Vnarsan!
BUT LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE HERE NOW! IDIOT! DUMMY! MOROOOOON!!
GEEZ! CHORD SAID YOU GUYS WERE GOING TO TRY NOT TO HURT ANYONE
SO I LOOKED THE OTHER WAY ON YOUR LITTLE REBELLION PLANS,

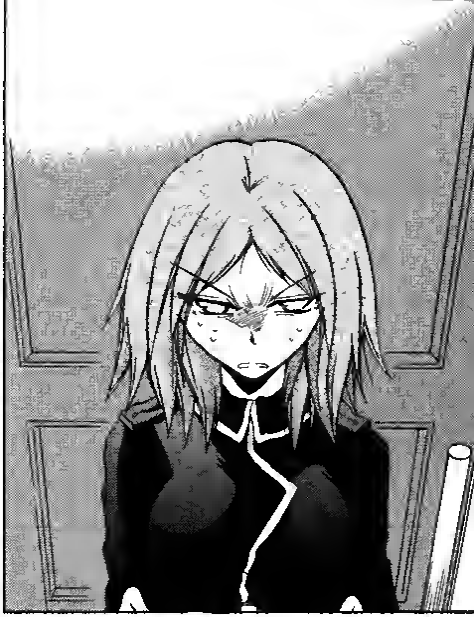
HAHAHAHA I SEE, GUESS I GOT HER A LITTLE UPSET.
IS WHAT SHE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU
"I HAVE MY HANDS FULL HERE AT THE CLINIC SO I CAN'T COME AND CHANGE YOUR BANDAGE. HMPH HMPH!!"
is what she said

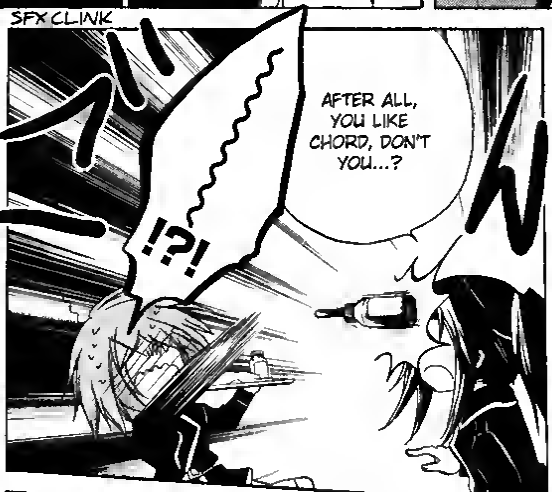
wrap
wrap
wrap
NOPE, NOT AT ALL.
DOES IT HURT STILL?
OH! ALL RIGHT! ♪
THEN YOU CAN DRINK ALCOHOL AGAIN IT SEEMS

YOU DID THAT EARLIER, REMEMBER?
NOW THEN, SINCE MY BAN ON DRINKING HAS BEEN LIFTED, I GUESS I SHOULD CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF THE REBELLION!
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
CLATTER
MERCI. ♪
ALL FINISHED.
JUST THE TWO OF US.

REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF EACH COUNTRY...
HUH?
RESTORATION OF THE TUNER HQ,
DECIDING ON THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE FORMER UPPER RANK MEMBERS
STOPPING THE WEAPONS
MAKING NEW LAWS AND RULES.
WOOO OOOO OOOO OOOO OOOO AH?!?
There's still a lot of things we need to do!!
SEX PAPERS PILING UP
YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO OUT DRINKING
I NEED YOU TO SIGN ALL OF THESE BY TOMORROW
ALL OF THESE ?!?
SIGN
SIGN
CLOSE
AHHH ...
SHE JUST BRUSHED ME ASIDE
I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT IT TOO...
RUSTLE

WHEN YOU MEET HER, THE MELODY OF YOUR HEART WILL FEEL LIKE IT'S RINGING OUT.
LISTEN, CHORO.
ONE DAY YOU WILL MEET SOMEONE LIKE THAT TOO, YOU KNOW?
SHUT UP.
I NEVER BELIEVED IT WHEN HE SAID THAT TO ME,
WHEN YOU FIND A GIRL LIKE THAT, GRAB HER TIGHT AND DON'T EVER LET HER GO
BUT WHEN I MET CLAVES FOR THE FIRST TIME...
I THOUGHT, "OHH, SO THIS IS WHAT HE MEANT."
AND I UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING.
BUT...
I CAN'T REALLY FOLLOW THROUGH LIKE KITARA-SENSEI.

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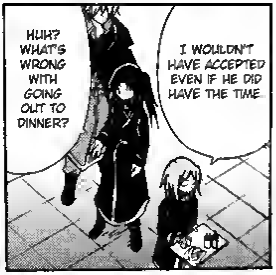
!?!
AFTER ALL, YOU LIKE CHORD, DON'T YOU...?

OH NO! WE HEARD YOU FROM THE HALL AND CAME TO SEE WHAT THE FUSS WAS ABOUT!
Did you come to listen in..?
Sorry!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HUUUUUH?! BUT EVERYONE KNOWS ALREADY!
That hurt!
Wh-wh-wh at a stupid thing to think!!


HUH? WHAT'S WRONG WITH GOING OUT TO DINNER?
I WOULDN'T HAVE ACCEPTED EVEN IF HE DID HAVE THE TIME

BLUSH
!?
I... IT'S OUT??
WELL, YEAH
I THINK CHORD IS THE ONLY ONE THAT DOESN'T KNOW.
IS THAT SO?
I GUESS I WASN'T HIDING IT ENOUGH THEN.
...HUH?
JUST BECAUSE THE REBELLION SUCCEEDED,
DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL.
THERE COULD BE ANOTHER FIGHT AT ANY TIME...

BUT IF HE HAD MADE ONE FALSE MOVE, HE COULD HAVE LOST HIS LIFE.
IN THE LAST INCIDENT, CHORD GOT AWAY WITH ONLY A BURN,
I COULDN'T PROTECT HIM.
HE FOUND A WAY INTO MY HEART
BUT JUST BY BEING BY HIS SIDE,
AS HIS AIDE, I HAVE TO PROTECT CHORD FROM ANY DANGERS THAT HE MAY FACE
ANY OTHER FEELINGS WERE SEALED AWAY.
WHEN I PUT THEM ON, I WAS JUST A SUBORDINATE
TO INVITE ME WHEN I WOULD BE IN THAT MIND SET,
I DROPPED EVERYTHING
TO KEEP CHORD FROM GETTING INTO DANGER.
AS A KIND OF SWITCH FOR MY MIND.
THAT'S WHY I PUT THE GLASSES ON.

IT'S HARD FOR ME TOO...
WELL THEN, SHALL WE TAKE A BREATH AND TRY TO GET SOME WORK DONE?
IF WE DON'T HURRY AND SEE THAT FOOD GETS READY FOR CHORD AND THE OTHERS
CLATTER
CLATTER
FIRST YOUR SISTER, NOW CLAVES,
THEY'RE ALL WAY TOO SERIOUS.

F... FINALLY, I'M FREE!
EVEN IF I GET ALL BEAT UP LIKE THIS,
wheeze wheeze
I HAVE TO GET BETTER AT MASTERING THIS.
HAHAHA, LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE TRYING HARD.
OH, CHORD-SAN, YOU TAKING A BREAK?
NOPE. I'M SLACKING OFF.
I DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING ANY WORK.
wave wave
HOW ABOUT GOING WITH ME AND GETTING SOME BOOZE? PERHAPS I CAN TAKE YOU TO A PUB WITH SOME PRETTY FRENCH GIRLS?
Pretty French girls?
Energy Gauge UP!!
AH...
BUT SPEAKING OF PRETTY FRENCH GIRLS..

KOTOKO-SAN TOLD ME ABOUT THE GIRL IN THE CASTLE THERE...
UMMM, HI THERE!
!!!

No response
shake
shake
Wooooah... Looks like communication is going to be difficult.
...
OH, YEAH!
I CAME TO TALK WITH YOU.
NEED SOMETHING?
I HEARD THAT THEY DECIDED THAT YOU WERE GOING TO STAY CONFINED HERE.
I KIND OF FEEL BAD KNOWING THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT GOT A GOOD DEAL...
HEY, CAN'T SHE HAVE THE SAME DEAL AS I GOT?
THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT.
HER POWERS ARE SEVERAL LEVELS ABOVE YOURS.
THE ABILITY TO RECORD ANY SCORE SHE SEES WITH HER EYE IS MIRACULOUS
EVEN IF SHE DOES NOT INTEND TO USE IT,
BECAUSE SHE HAS THE SCORE FOR THE WEAPON STORED IN HER HEAD, IT MAKES THINGS RATHER SERIOUS.
IT WAS A PAINFUL DECISION FOR US TO MAKE TOO.

I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I GET IT NOW... BUT IF YOU'D LIKE PERHAPS I COULD NEGOTIATE WITH HIM?
SEEING ONLY YOU TIED UP LIKE THIS,
HOW DO I PUT IT...
UMM.....
YOU...
MAKE SONGS...?
HUH?
I ALWAYS HEAR THE THREE OF YOU
HUH?
YEAH... THEY'RE TEACHING ME HOW TO ARRANGE USING MY S CHORD
IT'S FUN LEARNING ABOUT SOUNDS I'VE NEVER HEARD BEFORE
...I SEE.
OH.
YOU CAN SEE THE GUEST MUSIC ROOM FROM HERE
...LIVING IN JAPAN, TOO...?
HM? YEAH, IT IS.

I FEEL A LITTLE EMBARRASSED SAYING THIS IN FRONT OF YOU,
BUT I EXPERIENCED A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS AND HAD A LOT OF FUN.
I SEE...
THEN YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...
HUH?!
THERE ARE NOTES WHICH COULD ONLY BE HEARD ON THE PATH YOU TRAVELLED.
THERE ARE SOUNDS WHICH COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN HEARD ON THE PATH I HAVE TRAVELLED.
LIVING LIKE THIS AS I HAVE,
I'VE COME TO LEARN A LOT OF THINGS...
AND I FIND ALL OF THOSE THINGS QUITE PRECIOUS...

CAN GO ABOUT OUR VARIOUS WAYS...
THEN YOU AND I
I...
WILL BE FINE.

STEP
STEP
STEP
CREEEEEAK
YOU'VE GOT TO EAT YOUR FOOD.
WE'RE NOT YOUNG ANYMORE, YOU KNOW
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

IT'S BEEN 24 YEARS, HAS IT?
THEY GO BY QUICKLY, DON'T THEY?
I CAN STILL FEEL HOW I FELT BACK WHEN WE RAN FROM HERE TO THIS DAY.
AND I REMEMBER THE ILL WILL I BORE VERY CLEARLY.
WAS YOUR DECISION WHAT YOU TRULY BELIEVED IN?
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU THAT FOR 24 YEARS NOW.

KOTOKO-KUN,
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE SOMEONE WHO WOULD SIT IDLY WHILE YOUR FRIEND DIED.
AND GO TO JAPAN?
FOR US TO LEAVE HERE
YOUR TRUE FEELINGS ON THE MATTER?
WAS YOUR SUGGESTION TO GO AGAINST HQ'S ORDERS
SOMEWHERE IN MY HEART I REALLY BELIEVED
THAT YOU WOULD COME TO HELP KITARA-SENSEI
THOSE WERE MY TRUE FEELINGS.

KITARA SHOULD HAVE GONE AGAINST HQ THEN
I STILL BELIEVE THAT EVEN NOW.
I GUESS I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A LOT LIKE KITARA-SENSEI.
STEP
STEP
I THOUGHT YOU WERE KIND TO EVERYONE YOU CAME IN CONTACT WITH
CHORD AND HIS FRIENDS WERE FUELLED BY KITARA-SENSEI'S WILL
TO CHANGE THE WHOLE WORLD OF TUNERS
SO THAT TRAGEDIES LIKE THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.
IS...
THAT SO?

FAREWELL.
CLANG...
THEY CHANGED IT...?
YOU'RE TOO SOFT...
CLENCH
THE SCORE THAT SURROUNDS THIS WORLD
ISN'T SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS THEY THINK
IT'S DEEPER...
HEAVIER...

IT'S ABOMINABLE...
-SAMA
RUSTLE
LEGATO -SAMA

ONLY A FEW OF US MANAGED TO ESCAPE..
YOUR PERSONNEL AND FACILITATORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN DOWN BY CHORD AND HIS GROUP.
OHHHH? YOU CAME TO SAVE ME, DID YOU?
SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG.
WELL--- I'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN IN PRISON MUCH.
WHAT?!
roll
BUT I AM GOING TO STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER.
I WANT TO PREPARE FOR WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN
!?
I WANT TO PRESEVE MY ENERGY
IN PREPARATION FOR WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT.

ACTUALLY, WHEN WE WERE MAKING THE SCORE WEAPON,
I NOTICED SOMETHING.
YOU GUYS SHOULD LOOK FORWARD TO IT AS WELL.
Pretty soon, a huge party is going to start.
I'M REALLY GETTING EXCITED
I'M SURE NO ONE WILL HAVE HEARD ANYTHING LIKE IT.
AND THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET IT.

I CAN HEAR
THE REQUIEM OF THESE VERY STARS.

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